

CENTRAL CHARGERS WIN LUTHERAN STATE!



The Central Lutheran Chargers boys varsity basketball team won the 2013 Indiana Lutheran State Basketball Championship on Sunday night, February 24, 2013 in Indianapolis when they defeated Holycross 36-25.

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GIRLS ONLY AT COOPER COMMUNITY LIBRARY

Girls Only at the Cooper Community Library, branch of the Paulding County Carnegie Library on Saturday, March 9, 9:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.! This event has

been planned for girls in 6th grade through high school. So crawl out of bed and just leave your pajamas on if you would like and head on over to the branch. Breakfast will

be waiting for you. We will be doing nails so bring your own fingernail polish. A beautician is also coming. Plan to have a lot of fun. This event has been planned by the

EVER WONDER WHAT HAPPENS IN WOODBURN?

On March 19, 2013 come to the Woodburn Community Center for a Town Hall Meeting. Join the City Council, Community Association, Chamber of Commerce, Township Trustee, and Indiana Main Street for a fact sharing meeting. Come and share your ideas for the future of your community. Light meal will be provided at 6:30 pm. Meeting starting at 7:00 p.m.

THANK YOU

A heartfelt thank you to each and everyone who helped make our 50th anniversary party and also all who honored us with cards.

God Bless,
—Larry & Lucille Elliott

T.A.B. (Teen Advisory Board members). You must register for this class.

WAYNE TRACE WRESTLERS QUALIFY THREE FOR STATE



This past weekend, history was made once again for the Wayne Trace Wrestling Program. George Clemens, Dustin Taylor and Sawyer Temple all qualified for the State Wrestling Tournament this coming weekend.

At 106 Clemens won his first two matches before suffering his first loss of the year to Hunter Bray of Dayton Christian. Once in the consolation bracket, Clemens had to win his next match to qualify or his season would be over. Clemens answered the call and defeated Tregg Keyser of Columbus Grove 11-2, thus becoming the first

freshman from Wayne Trace to qualify for the State wrestling meet. Clemens moved on to face Zachary Davie of Troy Christian in the finals. Clemens won 7-1, and placed 3rd.

At 113 Dustin Taylor lost his second match of the tournament and dropped into the consolation bracket. Taylor would now have to win his next three matches in order to qualify for the State tournament. Taylor answered the call, and wrestling his best, he beat Matthew Amheiser of Miami East, 6-4 in overtime. Then he defeated Eathan Fes-

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OBITUARIES



Dale F. Armbruster, 80, of Woodburn, died Thursday, February 21, 2013 at home. Born in Fort Wayne, he was a lifelong member of Zion Lutheran Church, Woodburn. Dale retired from a lifetime of farming. He owned and operated Oakdale Landscaping Company and retired as a bus driver for East Allen County Schools after 32 years. He served his country in the US Army.

He is survived by his wife of over 57 years, Beverly; children, Greg (Cindy) Armbruster of Hamel, MN, Dawn (Hank) DiNunzio of Washington, DC, Mitch (Debbie) Armbruster of Brownsburg, and Eric (Marsha) Armbruster of Woodburn; grandchildren, Nicole, Bryce, Nathan, David, Brooke, and Winston; and step-grandchildren, Cameron and Chris. He was preceded in death by his sisters, Helene Youse and Elnor Genth.

The funeral service was Monday, February 25, 2013 at Zion Lutheran Church, 7616 Bull Rapids Rd., Woodburn with calling one hour prior. Rev. Lewis Stier officiated. Calling was also Sunday, February 24, 2013 at E. Harper & Son Funeral Home, 740 St. Rd. 930 E., New Haven. Burial is in the church cemetery. Preferred memorials are to Woodburn Lutheran School or Cancer Services of Northeast Indiana. For online condolences go to www.harperfuneralhome.com

Donald D. Schade, 69 of Paulding, died February 21, 2013 at Parkview Regional Medical Center, Fort Wayne, Indiana. Arr by Dooley Funeral Homes of Antwerp & Payne.

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Kayla Ann Bidlack, age 30 of Cecil died Thursday, February 21 from injuries sustained in an auto accident.

She was born November 20, 1982 in Defiance, Ohio, the daughter of David O. and Sharon K. (Fockler) Bidlack Sr. She was a self employed caregiver.

She is survived by her parents, David and Sharon Bidlack Sr.; a son, Carson Alexander Hodges; a brother, David (Stacy) Bidlack Jr., all of Cecil; and a sister, Sherry (Randy) Richards, Antwerp; maternal grandmother, Evelyn Fockler, Defiance; and many nieces, nephews, and cousins.

She is preceded in death by her grandparents, Carl Fockler, and Olan and Myrtle (Relyea) Bidlack.

Funeral services were conducted 11 AM Tuesday, February 26 at Den Herder Funeral Home, Paulding, with Pastor George Alley officiating. Burial will follow in Rochester Cemetery, Cecil. Visitation was Monday, February 25 at Den Herder Funeral Home, Paulding, and one hour prior to service on Tuesday. In lieu of flowers the family requests memorials made to Carson Alexander Hodges. Online condolences may be sent to www.denherderfh.com

Nellie Leona Wilhelm, age 91, died Monday, February 18 at her residence. She was born August 15, 1921 in Paulding County, Ohio, the daughter of Raymond and Vira (Shrider) Smalley. On June 27, 1944 she married Theodore Wilhelm, who preceded her in death on January 13, 1986. She was a member of Divine Mercy Catholic Parish where she was principal and taught CCD. She was a member of the Altar & Rosary Society and the Little Flower Study Club.

She is survived by four sons, T. Gary (Ann) Wilhelm, Michael Wilhelm, David (Vicki) Wilhelm, all of Paulding, and Dan (Laurie) Wilhelm, of Oakwood; three daughters, Rita (John) Daeger, and Barbara (Howard) Baeger, both of Paulding, and Jeanette (Terry) Prisk of Highland, Michigan; two brothers, Paul (Betty) Smalley and Bob Smalley both of Antwerp; two sisters, Helen Beck and Lodena Brown both of Paulding; 20 grandchildren; and

12 great grandchildren. She is preceded in death by her parents; husband; two sons, Anthony Wilhelm and K. Paul Wilhelm; a grandson, Alex Doster; and a brother, Bill Smalley.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be conducted 10 AM Friday, February 22 at Divine Mercy Catholic Parish, Paulding, with Rev. G. Allan Fillman officiating. Burial will follow in St. Paul Cemetery, Paulding.

Visitation will be 2 - 8PM with a Wake Service at 7:30 PM Thursday, February 21 at Den Herder Funeral Home, Paulding, and one hour prior to services at the church.

Donations may be made to Masses. Online condolences may be sent to www.denherderfh.com

Margie A. Hill, age 79 died Tuesday, February 19 at Defiance Inpatient Hospice.

She was born January 4, 1934 in Defiance, Ohio, the daughter of Wendell and Eva (Rhoades) Funkhouser. On June 8, 1952 she married Paul H. Hill who survives. She was employed as Paulding Township Clerk retiring in 2000. She was a member of Paulding United Methodist Church, Paulding; John Paulding Historical Society; and the Township Clerks Association. She was co-owner and operator of Hill's Carpet Service, Paulding.

She is survived by her husband, Paul Hill, Paulding; four daughters, Brenda (Jerry) Smith, Paulding, Terri (John) Coulton, Archbold, Kim (Ron) Garrity, Paulding, and Laurie Hill, Hamilton, IN; a brother, Phillip (Sue) Funkhouser, West Unity; a sister, Linda Donaldson, Haviland; ten grandchildren: Bradley Hanenkratt, Lisa Stevens, Brion Hanenkratt, Victoria Gray, Jaclyn Colley, Christopher Britt, Samantha Colley, Brittany Barnes, Kelly Colley and Megan Garrity; eight great grandchildren: Zachary, Cyrah, Zander, Braylynn, Presley, Savannah, Kolton, and Jayde.

She was preceded in death by her parents; daughter, Wava J. Colley; and an infant brother.

Funeral services were conducted Monday, February 25 at Den Herder Funeral Home, Paulding, Rev. Ben Lowell officiated. Burial followed in St. Paul Cemetery, Paulding. Visitation was Sunday, February 24 and one hour prior to services on Monday at Den Herder Funeral Home, Paulding. Donations may be made to Community Health Professionals/Hospice or Fresenius Dialysis Center. Online condolences may be sent to www.denherderfh.com

CMH SCORES WELL AT HOSPITAL COMPARE

Community Memorial Hospital's (CMH) patient satisfaction scores have been added to Medicare's Hospital Compare website. In all patient satisfaction categories, CMH exceeds National and Ohio benchmarks. What is the Hospital Compare website? According to Medicare's website, Hospital Compare is a consumer-oriented website that provides information on how well hospitals provide recommended care to their patients. This information can help consumers make informed decisions about health care. Hospital Compare allows consumers to select multiple hospitals and directly compare performance measure information related to heart attack, heart failure, pneumonia, surgery and other conditions. These results are organized by: Patient Survey Results, Timely and Effective Care,

SCRIPTURE OF THE WEEK

"And he said to him, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the great and first commandment. And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself." — *Matthew 22:37-39*

CMH AUX. DONATES FOR PURCHASE OF NEW TREADMILL



The CMH Auxiliary recently donated to complete the purchase of a new treadmill for the Healthfit area. Pictured are: Healthfit Member: Val Shull and members of the CMH Aux-

iliary Board: Betty Guilford, Jeannine Luderman, Peggy Vaughn, Bonnie Poper, and Carol Weidenhamer. Not pictured: Joan Linder, Lila Wittig, Ruby Walters, Diana Evans, and Barb Boggs.

Readmissions, Complications, and Deaths, Use of Medical Imaging, Linking Quality to Payment, and Medicare Volume. To view CMH's and area hospital scores, visit www.medicare.gov/hospitalcompare.

About Community Memorial Hospital:

Community Memorial Hospital (CMH) is a 25-bed Critical Access Hospital located in Hicksville, Ohio. For more than 50 years, CMH has been serving the citizens of Northwest Ohio and adjoining Indiana communities. CMH offers inpatient and outpatient services, 24-hour emergency care, obstetrics, comprehensive rehabilitation and wellness programs, and the region's only open high field Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI). Community Memorial Hospital is an independent affiliate of the Lutheran Health Network. For more information on Community Memorial Hospital and its physicians visit www.cm-hosp.com or call 419-542-6692.

DO YOU HAVE A WILL?

A recent survey at Lawyer.com reports that approximately 35 percent of adults in the United States do not have valid wills. If you are one of these people, make a resolution to take care of this basic responsibility this year. The following are some issues to consider when drawing up a will. But first, seek a good lawyer to help ensure that your estate will be divided as you wish.

Decide Who Gets Your Possessions

When you draft a will, you direct who receives your possessions when you die. Additionally you can use a will to make charitable donations. Your will may also be used to disinherit estranged heirs or to unequally distribute possessions to heirs who have already received substantial gifts.

Without a will, a probate court will decide how to distribute your belongings. You could leave instructions instead of a will, but the court is not legally bound to follow them, and may actually be legally bound to act contrary to them.

Lower Taxes and the Cost of Probate

Probating a will is typically less expensive, less time-consuming and less complicated than probating an estate without a will.

That is primarily because in a will you can name an executor who acts without a bond and without court supervision. Most estates are small enough to escape federal estate taxes, but if your estate is over \$5 million, it is imperative that you see an experienced estate-planning attorney.

Decide Who Cares for Your Minor Children

If you do not have a will that specifies who you have chosen as guardian or guardians for your minor children, then the probate court, after listening to testimony of others, will make this decision. Your children could end up in the care of persons neither you nor they would choose. The most commonly chosen guardians are married couples who are family.

Establish a Trust for Your Children

Many people do not know that they can establish trusts for their children in their wills (whether minors or not). You can choose how old your children will be before the trustee distributes their share to them.

Until the children reach that age, the trustee can use the assets of the trust to care for your children. Usually the trustee and the guardian are the same person or persons.

Protect Your Business

It is tragic when a family loses its source of business income and employees lose their jobs, because the business owner died without a plan for continuing the business. A good attorney can help a business owner with business continuity planning, and it starts with a well-drafted will.

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WAYNE TRACE BELITTLES BIG GREEN



Shown in the picture above is Ryan Kortokrax shooting for the Raiders. More pictures at www.archerpics.com

The Raiders took on Otto-ville at home Friday, February 23. The Big Green boys baseball team struggled the first half while the Raiders rolled

the scoreboard in their favor. The second half the game the Ottoville team had a better game, but the Raiders still took home the 55-50 win.

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sler of Fenwick 10-0, and in the match, where the winner goes to State, he beat Jake Guitierrez of Central Catholic 7-5 in overtime. Taylor fell to Jared Ganger of Troy Christian in the finals placing 4th.

At 160 Sawyer Temple, won his first two matches, before falling to projected State champ Jimmy Sandlin of Carlisle. Sawyer, now in the consolation bracket, needed to win his next match in order to qualify for State. Temple won his next match, defeating Cameran Luthor of Central Catholic 14-10, thus becoming Wayne Trace's second wrestler in school history to qualify multiple years to

the State tournament. Sawyer fell to Max Erwin in the finals to place 4th.

At 138 Tyler Showalter fell short of qualifying and placed 6th at the District.

Coach Clemens said, "What a great day for Wayne Trace! For the third year in a row, we are sending wrestlers to the State meet—two of which are underclassman. I think our program continues to improve, and the kids all continue to work hard to get to the State level. I'm very excited for these guys. I told them the pressure is off, and now just go wrestle, and make their way to the State podium."

PAULDING COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING MINUTES 2/4/13

This 4th day of February, 2013, the Board of County Commissioners met in regular session with the following members present:

Fred Pieper, Tony Zartman, Roy Klopfenstein, and Nola Ginter, Clerk
ALLOWANCE OF CLAIMS:
Warrants documented as 195089 through 195203 for County Bills were approved and certified to the County Auditor for payment.

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVING "THEN AND NOW" PURCHASE ORDERS AND PAYMENTS:

The Paulding County Auditor has certified the following "Then and Now" purchase order numbers and payments included in the Allowance of Claims on January 30, 2013, Warrant numbers 195039 through 195074 in the amount of \$26,761.98; and it is certified that both at the time that the contract or order was made ("then"), and at the time that the County Auditor is completing the certification ("now"), that sufficient funds were available or in the process of collection, to the credit of a proper fund, properly appropriated and free from any previous encumbrance; and pursuant to the Ohio Revised Code §5705.41(D)(1), these purchases must be approved by resolution of the Board of County Commissioners. Now, therefore the Paulding County Commissioners approve the Then and Now Purchase Orders as submitted by the Auditor; and it is found and determined that all formal actions of this Board of County Commissioners, County of Paulding, State of Ohio concerning the adoption of this resolution were adopted in an open meeting of this Board of County Commissioners, and that all deliberations of this Board of County Commissioners and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal action, were in meetings open to the public in compliance with all legal requirements including Section §121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

MEETING NOTES OF APPOINTMENTS:

Claudia Fickel, County Auditor - Ms. Fickel met briefly with the Commissioners. She noted the jail bond rate has been lowered for 2013. This may effect the settlement for 2013 taxes, payable in 2014. This will be revisited in the fall. Ms. Fickel stated the date to purchase dog tags has passed. She estimated at least 100 more tags were sold

for 2013 as compared to 2012. Commissioner Pieper requested a listing of county employees from Ms. Fickel.

Bryce Steiner, West Bend News - Mr. Steiner met with the Commissioners to present quotes for legal ads and also to share information about the West Bend News. He noted the West Bend News circulates about 11,500 papers in Paulding County, along with 418 papers delivered in the Hicksville area, 1,006 in the Defiance area, and 9,027 to Woodburn and New Haven, Indiana. He also reported 84 subscriptions for those out of the delivery area. Mr. Steiner was stated the West Bend News meets all the criteria listed in the Ohio Revised Code to qualify as a newspaper of general circulation. They employ five people at their office in Antwerp, Ohio. Mr. Steiner commented they promote positive news. He also noted the West Bend News website currently has an average of 50,000 hits a month and is very user friendly.

Marsha Yeutter, Senior Center - Ms. Yeutter submitted her payroll for signatures. She announced the Passport compliance review/audit at the Senior Center went very well. Passport is a Medicaid waiver program that funds some of the Senior Center programs. Ms. Yeutter reported an "Experience Works" employee will begin her duties at the Senior Center on February 11. "Experience Works" is a grant program for seniors (age 55 and older) on restricted income, allowing them to work part time. Ms. Yeutter also reminded the Commissioners that she is a certified DRIVE instructor and is able to train her own employees. DRIVE provides instruction on safety issues with the transporting of passengers, including lifting, loading, and securing. Ms. Yeutter also announced that she is the new president of the Paulding Chamber of Commerce.

Gary Adkins, Paulding County Hospital - Mr. Adkins met briefly with the Commissioners to discuss the upcoming board member appointment. He reported having received a couple of applications. The deadline for submitting an application is 4:30 p.m., February 15. Applications may be obtained through the Commissioners' office. Mr. Adkins reminded the Commissioners the hospital has eight board members and it is politically balanced. He then reported the remodeling project at the hospital is going smoothly. He anticipates the new ER will be 80% completed, with portions ready to be utilized mid-March. The trauma rooms will be completed soon after.

WOBLER NEW CHP NURSING SUPERVISOR

Brenda Wobler, RN, BSN, of Antwerp, has been named nursing supervisor for Community Health Professionals, 6825 SR 66 N, Defiance.

She brings more than 27 years of practical experience and 17 years of management experience at local and region hospitals. She has also served on the board of directors for Van Wert County United Way Day and was vice president of the Payne Branch Library.

"The future of health care will be focused on providing services in alternative ways to decrease costs," Wobler said. "I believe home health will be the solution to providing patient care."

Wobler says she is looking forward to providing care for

patients in their own homes as opposed to the unfamiliar setting of a hospital. She has two children, Courtney Lamb and Gabe Wobler.

Community Health Professionals is a nonprofit agency with nine offices, providing



home health and hospice services to patients and families throughout northwest and west central Ohio.

More information about

services provided by Community Health Professionals can be found at ComHealth-Pro.org or on Facebook.

SEN. KRUSE: COMMITTEE APPROVES LEGISLATION TO REDUCE CHRONIC SCHOOL ABSENCES

Legislation authored by State Sen. Dennis Kruse (R-Auburn) to reduce chronic school absenteeism passed the Senate Committee on Education and Career Development today by a unanimous vote.

Senate Bill 338 would require school corporations to determine contributing factors to absenteeism and establish chronic absence reduction plans. It also provides a 95-percent attendance rate requirement in order for students to receive a graduation

waiver. "Preparing students for success in education begins with increasing their school attendance and participation at an early age," Kruse said. "Increasing attendance rates would not only improve academic performance, but it would also prepare students to be reliable, punctual employees in the workplace."

The bill calls for public schools to record the number of students who are habitually truant and share this information in an annual report with the Department of Education. To ensure the accountability of these reports, SB 338 requires public schools to keep a daily attendance record open for inspection.

SB 338 now moves to the full Senate for further consideration.



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THE CROSSING CHURCH PRESENTS 909 ROOM



Several years ago, the people of The Crossing Church transformed the 13,000 Square foot storefront, formerly known to East Allen County residents as Blackwells Department Store. When the people of The Crossing took on the project, there was always the dream of using the building as a place to serve the people of the greater New Haven area. Over the past years, they housed other ministries, hosted the Crossing Education Center, and worked alongside other churches in New Haven. Our heart is to see other churches, ministries, and meritorious organizations use our facility.

On Monday March 4, there will be a new place for people to meet. The 909 Room will seek to provide an atmosphere to nourish the soul and fare that nourishes the body. We would like to become the favored place of meeting for the people of this community. It's not your normal café—everything will be by donation—there's no set costs. Our hope is that people will respond graciously to the caliber and care we take to serve the needs of our community.

Brian Gerig, pastor at The Crossing Church, said "When we were assessing the needs of our community, we found that there was a need for a café atmosphere in the New Haven. We wanted to serve our community by building and staffing a place

where one could go and meet a friend, study, have a meeting, or network with other entrepreneurs."

The 909 Room will be serving great coffee and a variety of baked goods for a donation. We will be serving coffee from our friends at Hemisphere Coffee Roasters who work directly with coffee farmers in many regions throughout the world. Our House Room will be Nicaragua SHG - Café Diego. Hemisphere Coffee Roasters purchases this directly from the Diego Chavarria farm outside of Matagalpa, Nicaragua. It is full of chocolaty notes with a lemon-citrus finish. By supporting us, you also will be supporting a coffee farmer directly. Many of our baked goods will be inspired from recipes that have come from Amish and Mennonite roots in The Crossing church. No day at the 909 Room will be the same. We want our fare to represent our creative edge. As you walk into 909, you will see right away that we value creativity and upcycling—909 Room will always be a work in progress—from the art on the wall by local artists to the furniture you sit on. One of the unique things we will do at 909 is encourage the use of mugs, which can be found along the wall of mugs. It's one way we can keep the costs low and economical for families.

Not only will 909 be a great cooperative meeting space, but we will also be us-

ing it as a musical venue for smaller regional bands on weekends. Hours of operation will be Monday through Friday 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. with hopes of extending the hours to meet needs into the evening hours.

The Crossing is devoted to building a people, not a facility, which is identified as a group whom Jesus has saved and is transforming. We commit to each other a way of living that relates, encourages, and strengthens one another throughout the week.

The Crossing Church meets on Saturday evenings at 6:00 p.m.

BIBLE QUESTIONS

By: James Potter, Oakwood church of Christ

- 1. Luke 6:20 - What does the word blessed mean?
- 2. Luke 6:20 - What does it mean to be poor in spirit?
- 3. Luke 6:20 - What does the word kingdom mean here?
- 4. Luke 6:21 - What does it mean those who are hungering?
- 5. Luke 6:21 - What does it mean you shall be filled?
- 6. Luke 6:21 - What does it mean to weep?
- 7. Luke 6:22 - What does the word hate mean?
- 8. Luke 6:22 - What does this verse mean?
- 9. Luke 6:23 - What does rejoice mean?
- 10. Luke 6:24-26 - What does woe mean?

Jesus loves you and so does the Oakwood church of Christ.

Answers to last week's questions:

- 1. Jesus; 2. To the mountain; 3. All night; 4. God 5. His disciples; 6. 12 7. Apostles; 8. Peter; 9 Judas Iscariot; 10. To hear him and to be healed.

Now let us see what Luke 6:20-23 is saying. Each beatitude tells how to be blessed by God. Being blessed means more than happiness. Blessed implies the fortunate or the enviable state of those who are in God's kingdom. These blessings don't promise laughter, pressure or earthly prosperity. Being "blessed" by God means the experience, of hope and joy, independent of outward circumstances. To find hope and joy, the deepest form of happiness, follow Jesus regardless of the cost. Now for the woes in Luke 6:24-26. Luke 6:24,25 - if you and I are trying to find fulfillment only through riches, wealth may be the only reward you will ever get and it does not last. You and I should not the comfort now at the expense of given up our journal home in heaven.

Luke 6:26 - There were many false prophets living during Old Testament times. They were praised by kings and Krauss because their predictions—prosperity and victory in war—were exactly what the people wanted to hear. But popularity is no guarantee of truth, and human flattery does not bring God's approval. Sadness lies ahead for those who chase after the crowds praise rather than looking into God's word the Bible, where truth is. Please keep on reading and studying the Bible especially the New Testament that tells you how to have salvation. Ol Baldy says by now, see you next time.

WHEN IS ENOUGH, ENOUGH?

Winning the Battle for a Generation column by: Rick Jones, Defiance Area YFC

One of the consequences of living in a culture of affluence has to do with an insatiable appetite for more, where one can never have enough.

Nancy Ortberg illustrates this truth when she tells the story about how their family dog, a golden retriever named Baxter, would get covered with ticks. So after doing some research about ticks, here's what she discovered:

"They actually call ticks 'the overeaters of the insect world.' For those of you who are really technical in your biology ... they're of the arachnoid family; they're not really insects.

[Ticks] have the disease of 'more,' and when they latch on they can't stop. Before a tick lands on its host it's not very attractive, but it is very flat. Then a tick drops onto (because they do not have the capacity to jump) from a bush or a thicket onto their host, looking for a warm-blooded creature. Once they engorge themselves with the host's blood, they balloon up to 7-10 times their normal size. They're utterly transformed.

The fascinating thing is once a tick has bloated up it automatically drops off the host and then can't move. All of the energy in its body is directed to digesting what it's just eaten. For the next few hours it is at the mercy of predators because it has eaten so much that it can't move. Nancy Ortberg claims there can be a parallel with our spiritual lives. She says, "I have to admit that when I consider what I learned about ticks, there's a little bit of a tick in me. I can be sometimes a picture of excess, not knowing when to say 'enough,' not knowing when to stop, and always wanting more."

To curb and even cure our appetite for the material things of this world we read in scripture... Matthew 6:33 (NIV), "But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness..." From this scripture we would always do well to remember to keep, "first things first."

For more information about the work of Youth for Christ, you may contact Youth for Christ at 419-782-0656, P.O. Box 111, 210 Clinton Street, Defiance, Ohio 43512, or email to: defycf@embarqmail.com

PAULDING COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING MINUTES 2/6/13

This 6th day of February, 2013, the Board of County Commissioners met in regular session with the following members present:

Fred Pieper, Tony Zartman, Roy Klopfenstein, and Nola Ginter, Clerk

ALLOWANCE OF CLAIMS:
Warrants documented as 195204 through 195256 for County Bills were approved and certified to the County Auditor for payment.

TRAVEL REQUESTS:
Marsha Yeutter, 'Afordable Healthcare Act', Bowling Green OH - February 20, 2013

Marsha Yeutter, OASC Conference/DRIVE Training, Columbus/Worthington OH - March 10,11,12,14, 2013

EXECUTIVE SESSION:
A motion was made by Mr. Tony Zartman to go into executive session at 8:06 a.m. with the County Prosecutor to discuss legal matters. The motion was seconded by Mr. Roy Klopfenstein. All members voting yea.

At 8:20 a.m. all members present agreed to adjourn the executive session and go into regular session.

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVING 'THEN AND NOW' PURCHASE ORDERS AND PAYMENTS:

The Paulding County Auditor has certified the following "Then and Now" purchase order numbers and payments included in the Allowance of Claims

MR. & MRS. JOHN JAILOR CELEBRATES 50 YEARS OF MARRIAGE



Former Antwerp residents, John and Grace Jailor of Alamo, TX celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on February 23, 2013. They were married by Ref. Archie Hickerson in the Antwerp United Methodist Church. Their daughter, Missy, and her friend, Mike, who currently live in Nevada will soon be joining them to reside in Texas. The Jailors address is Alamo Country Club #300, 840 Lucy Dr., Alamo, TX 78516.

on February 4, 2013, Warrant numbers 195090 through 195202 in the amount of \$45,123.84; and it is certified that both at the time that the contract or order was made ("then"), and at the time that the County Auditor is completing the certification ("now"), that sufficient funds were available or in the process of collection, to the credit of a proper fund, properly appropriated and free from any previous encumbrance; and pursuant to the Ohio Revised Code §5705.41(D)(1), these purchases must be approved by resolution of the Board of County Commissioners. Now, therefore the Paulding County Commissioners approve the Then and Now Purchase Orders as submitted by the Auditor; and it is found and determined that all formal actions of this Board of County Commissioners, County of Paulding, State of Ohio concerning the adoption of this resolution were adopted in an open meeting of this Board of County Commissioners, and that all deliberations of this Board of County Commissioners and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal action, were in meetings open to the public in compliance with all legal requirements including Section §121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

IN THE MATTER OF SELECTING A NEWSPAPER OF GENERAL CIRCULATION FOR REQUIRED LEGAL PUBLICATIONS:

Whenever a political subdivision of the state is required by law to make any legal publication in a newspaper, the newspaper shall be one of general circulation; and the West Bend News, PO Box 1008, 101 North Main Street, Antwerp, OH 45813, meets the requirements and is considered a newspaper of general circulation; and upon receiving quotes, the West Bend News' rates for running a legal notice are reasonable and it has a distribution area that covers all of Paulding County, some of Defiance County, and also Woodburn and New Haven, Indiana. Now, therefore the Board of County Commissioners does hereby agree to utilize the West Bend News as their newspaper of general circulation.

MEETING NOTES OF APPOINTMENTS:

Joe Burkard - The Prosecuting Attorney met with the Commissioners to discuss the procedure on road closures and vacating roads.

Travis McGarvey, County Engineer - The Commissioners related their conversation with the Prosecutor regarding the procedure on road closures and vacating roads. Mr. McGarvey reported he recently attended an engineers' conference. He then noted some of his staff were called to the accident scene on US 24 at the CR 87 intersection. Their assistance

was necessary after the road was closed to contain the spillage.

Jeff Hollis, All Trades Historical Restoration - Mr. Hollis discussed the old jail and also requested a bid packet.

Niki Warncke, MVPO - Ms. Warncke conducted the first public hearing for the 2013 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), HOME Investment Partnerships, and Ohio Housing Trust Fund (OHTF) Programs. CDBG and HOME are federally funded programs administered by the Ohio Department Services Agency (DOS). The ODSA also administers the state funded OHTF. There were six interested parties, along with the three Commissioners, and two clerks in attendance. Ms. Warncke reviewed the Community Development Allocation Program and the anticipated amount for FY 2013. The biggest change, she noted, is the possibility of being limited to just two projects to be considered for Paulding County. The Community Development Programs are competitive and are broken down into three funds: Neighborhood Revitalization Funds, Downtown Revitalization Funds, and Critical Infrastructure Funds. Ms. Warncke had applications available for distribution and she noted their deadline is April 19, 2013. She also said the grant amount for Paulding County will not be revealed until April 1. Ms. Warncke fielded several questions from the group and she encouraged them to call MVPO with additional questions or assistance in paperwork.

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Responses need to be received by Friday at 5:00 pm to be considered for the next publication. We reserve the right to edit for length, content and worthiness.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

It's a shame that America is still falling apart and Obama and our government could care less. They are only interested in padding their own pocketbooks with our money. Look at the gas prices, almost as high as all of last year and it's only February. No reason for this except greed on all parties. I saw another example of the government's stupidity on Thursday night as I attended a weather spotters class in Paulding. Normally they have a person from the weather organization give the class in person. This year it was an on-line presentation over the computer with audio. He explained that this was because of the government's coming budget coming in March and may be cutting it.

What stupidity in cutting costs to an agency that warns us of impending damaging weather. So if these costs are instituted and if we sustain property damage from a storm that we are not warned about, let's send the repair bills to Obama and the government. These people are kissing up to foreign countries, selling us out to them and ignoring the problems here at home. They need to quit acting like little children and put America first and also remember who put them in office. They are all complete failures at what they are supposed to be doing for us and need to be reminded of it and to look at this country. It is in big trouble and getting worse. It's really sad.

—Gregg Gorman

PUBLIC INVITED TO COMMENT ON 2013-2014 HUNTING SEASON PROPOSALS

The Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR) will seek public comments

regarding the 2013-2014 hunting seasons. During these sessions, which will be held Saturday, March 2, from 12:00-3:00 p.m., input concerning proposed hunting season dates, bag limits and rule changes will be accepted. Comments dealing with white-tailed deer and wild turkey seasons will also be welcomed.

These events are open to the public. Anyone interested in providing input and participating in Ohio's professional wildlife management process is welcome. ODNR Division of Wildlife biologists and law enforcement officers will be available to answer questions and receive comments.

People who are not able to attend an open house at one of the seven locations can provide input online. Comments are accepted through March 2 at wildohio.com. Click on Open House Comments to submit a response.

Public input gathered at these open houses and through the online form will be considered during the formulation of regulations. For more information or directions to the open houses, visit wildohio.com or call 800-WILDLIFE (945-3543).

Open house location information for March 2:

- Central Ohio: Wildlife District One office, 1500 Dublin Road, Columbus 43215; 614-644-3925
- Northwest Ohio: Wildlife District Two office, 952 Lima Avenue, Findlay 45840; 419-424-5000
- Northeast Ohio: Wildlife District Three office, 912 Portage Lakes Drive, Akron 44319; 330-644-2293
- Southeast Ohio: Wildlife District Four office, 360 E. State Street, Athens 45701; 740-589-9930
- Southwest Ohio: Greene County Fish and Game, 1538 Union Road, Xenia 45385; 937-372-9261;
- Lake Erie (east): Fairport Fisheries office, 1190 High Street, Fairport Harbor 44077; 440-352-4199
- Lake Erie (west): Old Woman Creek office, 2514 Cleveland Road E., Huron 44839; 419-433-7599

A statewide hearing on proposed rules will be held on Thursday, March 7, at 9:00 a.m. at the ODNR Division of Wildlife's District One office. This hearing is open to the public, and comments on the proposed rules will be accepted.

After considering public input, the Ohio Wildlife Council will vote on the proposed rules during its April 17 meeting. Council meetings are open to the public, but there is no opportunity on the agenda for public comment. Questions will be allowed and responded to once the meeting adjourns.

PAULDING COUNTY AREA FOUNDATION 2012 GRANTS AWARDED

The Paulding County Area Foundation has granted \$3000.00 to four organizations in Paulding County for the year ending 2012. The

Paulding County Area Foundation's purpose is to receive, grow and distribute gifts for the benefit of the people of Paulding County.



Paulding Band Boosters awarded \$1,000.00 to be used toward the purchase of new raincoats for the high school marching band. Pictured are Lisa McClure, Executive Director, Paulding County Area Foundation and Jane Nice, Paulding Band Boosters.

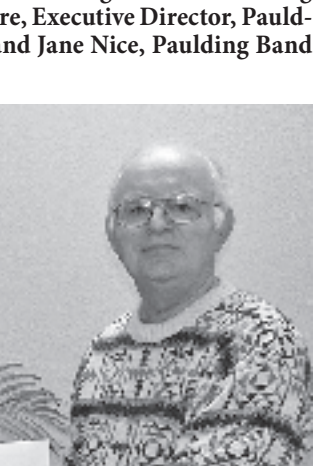


Melrose United Methodist Church awarded \$500.00 to be used for handicapped accessibility within the church. Pictured are Lisa McClure, Executive Director, Paulding County Area Foundation and Rick Noggle, Melrose United Methodist Church.

The organizations receiving grants are Melrose United Methodist Church, Antwerp Community Fellowship & Care Campus, Friends of the Payne Branch Library, and Paulding Band Boosters.



Antwerp Community Fellowship and Care Campus awarded \$750.00 to be used for basketball board and rims for boys and girls age Kindergarten through 2nd grade. Pictured are Lisa McClure, Executive Director, Paulding County Area Foundation and Tim Copey, Project Director.



Friends of the Payne Branch Library awarded \$750.00 to be used toward repairs to the building which houses the library. Pictured are Lisa McClure, Executive Director and Stacy Thomas, President of Friends of the Payne Branch Library.



SIGN-UP FOR DCP AND ACRE PROGRAM ENROLLMENT BEGINS

USDA Ohio Farm Service Agency (FSA) State Executive Director Steven Maurer, reminds producers that enrollment for the 2013 Direct and Counter-cyclical Program (DCP) and the Average Crop Revenue Election (ACRE) program began Tuesday February 19, 2013.

"New contracts are required annually for each of these programs and all signatures must be obtained by the deadline", said Maurer. "We encourage producers to call their local county office and set up an appointment to begin the enrollment process as soon as possible.

The DCP sign-up period will end on August 2, 2013; and ACRE sign-up will end

on June 3, 2013.

The only program change from 2012 to 2013 is that all eligible participants in 2013 may choose to enroll in either DCP or ACRE for the 2013 crop year. This means that eligible producers who were enrolled in ACRE in 2012 may elect to enroll in DCP in 2013 or may re-enroll in ACRE in 2013 (and vice versa).

For more information on the DCP or ACRE programs, or to schedule an appointment, please contact your local FSA county office or visit www.fsa.usda.gov/dcp .

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**SAM RIVERS, INDIANA
AGENT CHAPTER 54**

By: Stan Jordan

This is the middle of October 1859. We are here at the Indian Agency in Broken Bow, Nebraska Territory.

We have gathered in all of the garden produce, and stashed it away for the winter.

Hunter and the boys took a wagon and a tripod and got in the winter meat supply. They got a young buffalo, bear, couple of deer and some prairie chickens that we will have in the spit tonight.

General Kearney rode in on Rooster's horse from the fort, just in time for the evening meal. He was worn out from the long trip in one day.

We talked a long time at the fire and then went inside the store and talked some more.

He said, "Let's rest a couple of days and then go over to the Calamus River Village and help them get ready for the winter."

Well, we are here with Leaping Buffalo, their chief, and Pony that Walks, their tribal shaman. They are both young fellows, and the General is telling them of all the trouble of the North and South.

The garden produce from the village has been gathered in and put away for winter use. Hunter, Slim and Gardner along with several of the natives went out to get some of their winter meat supply. A number of ladies went with them to do the skinning of the game.

The boys killed 11 buffalo and one small calf. They got four deer and a small bear.

It took a couple of days to get them cleaned and hung

up on the rod for curing, and out of the reach of the wolves.

Then we had a big dinner time cookout. Rooster is a big favorite here as he is doing the mess sergeant's job.

We rested a couple days and then we went over to the Loup River Tribe Village.

We sat around that evening and talked with their leaders and the situation with our government, and the Southern territories and how it will effect our relations with their three villages.

General Kearney and I was very honest with them. He said, "We may not be back for many moons."

We will not be able to bring any supplies because we don't have any and due to the war we won't be getting any.

The General left two rifles and a box of bullets for them to do their hunting next year for their winter meat supply.

The General and I looked them in the eye and told them how it will be for a while. We want them to keep on learning the language and the way of the white man.

Along about sundown, the General asked for the peace pipe. We passed it around the circle twice. In that circle was Limping Buffalo, Pony that Walks from the Broken Bow Village, Soaring Eagle, and Rapid River, the Shaman from the Calamus River Tribe, Yellow Knife of the Loup River Village, along with their gardener named Bumble Bee. We all talked and the natives understand we won't be back for a while. It was sure a solemn closing.

See ya!

OLD DAN & I: CHAPTER 27

By: Stan Jordan

It is December 26, 1944 - the day after Christmas. We were up early and on dawn patrol, and making our way down to Bastogne.

Dan and I are in our P-51 Mustang. He is the pilot and I am the rear gunner with two 20mm cannons.

We are the only P-51 with a rear gunner in all of Europe. We have two more P-51's flying with us. We are the

589th Fighter Wing out of the Aachen Airbase in western Germany, between the Rhine and the Belgium border. We are an S-3 Intelligence Outfit, you know all hush hush, because we always try out everything else before it is issued to anyone else.

We are going over to the Schnee Eiffel and the Ardennes area to see if we can work over some replacements or supplies going to the German front.

Oh boy! There is a that woods and just coming out is a train with flatcars loaded with tanks and halftracks.

By now the engine is about a quarter of a mile out in the open. Dan fires one 40mm round and the locomotive blows up into a million pieces.

The other boys come down in single file and each put one of their 10x M1 five inch rockets into a tank. These are not King Tiger tanks and a five inch rocket will blow their rear deck away and the engine will start to burn, making the tank useless.

We just kept on shooting our ordinance into the train, rendering fifteen vehicles ineffective including all of the flat cars.

We three Mustangs headed back to our Airbase in Aachen, which is straight west of Cologne and Bonn over on the Rhine in Germany.

The town of Aachen itself is completely destroyed. Hitler made the German soldiers stay there until the last man was killed. It was the first German village to fall to the Allies. It was not house to house fighting, it was room to room and lots of boys died on both sides.

We loaded up with ammo and the Salvation Army donut truck there and we have fine refreshments.

We went down to Bastogne again. It is about 90 miles or so. The Battling Boys of Bastogne are in pretty good shape now. They were surrounded and cutoff from the world for a few days. They began to run low on ammo and food. They were very glad to have the sun come out and have those planes bringing in supplies. But Patton got here and the boys are in pretty good shape now from the relief.

We all scoured the country to the west and it is hard to find some German vehicles. They are all running out of gasoline now and some are giving up and walking back east. Some are still here and pushing west toward Merz River, that is their goal. That means they will have travelled about 60 miles into the allies' lines.

It is December 31, 1944. We have been hitting the German lines pretty hard and the Allies are in control now.

We have rested quite a bit this afternoon and Gen. Norm and all of us played euchre and now are going to bed so we can fly dawn patrol on Near Years Day.

See ya!

VISITOR AND LIVESTOCK BIOSECURITY

By: Jim Lopshire, Extension Educator

Biosecurity at the farm level is a management tool to help prevent the movement of disease-causing agents onto and off of farm operation. Biosecurity therefore involves many aspects of farm management, such as disease control and prevention, nutrient management and visitor control. Although controlling and limiting the movement of livestock is recognized as the most important biosecurity measure for most diseases, many important hazards can be carried on contaminated clothing, footwear, equipment and vehicles.

All visitors need to understand the possible risk they present when entering a farm, what a farmer expects from them, and what precautions need to be taken between farms that are visited. This applies to anyone entering or leaving the premises who may be visiting other livestock operations, and not just those of the same species or commodity type.

Visitors can unknowingly bring harmful agents onto a farm via contaminated clothing, footwear, equipment and vehicles. Equipment used to repair buildings and machinery, to treat or handle animals, and to carry out testing or procedures are all potential sources of contamination. The risk is increased with visitors who regularly go from farm to farm as part of their employment or routine. Such individuals, businesses and organizations are encouraged to develop and follow a biosecurity plan.

All visitors, farm owners, and their employees have a shared responsibility in biosecurity. Visitors need to be aware of that farm's level of biosecurity and follow their recommendations. Visitors must be prepared to accept all reasonable directives from the farmer when visiting his or her operation. In many swine operations, for example, showering in and out of facilities is a requirement.

Farmers and their employees also have a responsibility to prevent hazards from leaving the premises. Wear clean clothing and footwear when leaving the farm, particularly if visiting other farms, feed supply agencies, veterinary facilities or auction markets.

All visitors to a livestock facility should make an appointment so that all parties are aware of the biosecurity protocol and any special measures that must be taken.

As the primary producers of food, farmers and all involved in agriculture are expected to do their part, using new knowledge and technology to continuously improve food supply safety and maintain and improve animal health. Biosecurity can play a key role for the entire food production chain.

1931 ANTWERP CORNER STORE



1931 Corner of W. River Street and North Main Street.

By: Stan Jordan

Dear friends and readers, A few weeks ago I wrote a story of this corner and the above picture. This was the John Foster Clothing Store.

Well, by golly, Mr. Foster's grandson, Doug Michael, who lives in Eden, OH saw the story in the newspaper and brought in this picture and more memorabilia.

This beautiful and clear picture brings back a lot of memories to me and I would like to point them out to you.

This photo was taken in 1931 or before because the store was torn down after the sale and that is the West Bend News parking lot today.

You can see by the signs that State Route 49 was already a highway and so was US 24 as a Federal Highway.

You can see that there was a traffic light at this intersection. A number of people have asked me about when we had a traffic light installed. Well, we can see it was 1931 or before!

There were apartments above the store. There also was a home on the west end of the store and Dr. Merchant, the dentist, lived there. They had a daughter, Galen Merchant Cussen Bickard. That house remained on that site for many years.

The little white building at the right of this picture was torn down, Schilb's Furniture Store was extended and filled that area. It is now part of Friends Flooring.

You see there in the middle of the intersection is a dummy dome next to the storm drain. There was another one of these domes in front of the town hall and another down south at Main and Daggett Streets.

In the later years the town's young fellows who had cars would cruise the street from north to south

and back again. Most of these cars were 1929 or 1930 Model A's. They would idle down to nearly nothing and the noise they made would sound like "chap-o-ckit, chap-o-ckit, chap-o-ckit."

Everyone came to town on Saturday night even up to the start of WWII, December 7, 1941.

See ya!



When is it okay to kiss someone?

When they're rich. —Pam, age 7

The law says you have to be eighteen, so I wouldn't want to mess with that!

—Curt, age 7

The rule goes like this: If you kiss someone, then you should marry them and have kids with them. It's the right thing to do.

—Howard, age 8

Is it better to be single or married?

It's better for girls to be single but not for boys. Boys need someone to clean up after them.

—Anita, age 9

How would the world be different if people didn't get married?

There sure would be a lot of kids to explain, wouldn't there?

—Kelvin, age 8

How would you make a marriage work?

Tell your wife that she looks pretty, even if she looks like a dump truck.

—Ricky, age 10

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MARCH 2013 NEWSLETTER

SUPERINTENDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Friends of the Paulding Exempted Village Schools,

I have been Interim Superintendent at Paulding Exempted Schools now for almost two months and I would like to take this opportunity to share my insights into Paulding Schools from an outsider's perspective. Our school district is blessed with great students, strong family and community support, and dedicated teachers and staff. This combination of ingredients produces a school atmosphere where high standards and hard work come together to produce high achievement. This achievement has recently been documented with the release of Paulding's 2011-2012 Local Report Card by the Ohio Department of Education which ranked us as 'Excellent with Distinction', which is the highest rating available.

March is a very busy month for our students. Winter sports are winding down and the students participating in spring sports are gearing up for a new season. Our seniors are busy planning for their future by finalizing plans for college, work, or the military as they begin the last quarter of their high school career. The sophomores will be taking the Ohio Graduation Tests beginning March 11, 2013. I am confident that our staff has prepared the students well for these high stake tests. If you would like more information about preparing for these tests, check out this great Ohio Department of Education website at <http://portal.success-ode.state-oh.us/info>, and click on OGT.

The Honeywell® Instant Alert System has been very helpful for keeping families informed of delays, cancellations, and event changes. Please keep your contact information up to date in the system. I encourage everyone to make sure the box in your account is checked to receive **High Importance** alerts. This is the method of communication we will use if there is an emergency at school. If you have a child in our school district and are not receiving Instant Alert messages, please contact Cindy Kauser at 419-399-4656, extension 1512.

As always, I invite you to become an active part of our school district and to get involved in the lives of our young people by attending as many of the student activities as your schedule allows. Please feel free to visit me at my office in the Paulding Administration building, call me at 419-399-4656 or e-mail me at j_basinger@pauldingschools.org at your convenience if you have any questions about our school district or anything in this community newsletter.

John Basinger, Superintendent

NOTES FROM THE PRINCIPALS

Paulding Elementary- Stephanie Tear

Hello to all in Paulding! I would like to thank all the parents who came for Parent/Teacher Conferences in February. It is so great to see the parent involvement and support in our school. I believe teachers and parents working together can be proud of the work accomplished by their child.

The after-school program for many third, fourth and fifth graders, began at the end of January. These students are focusing on reading and math intervention. They have an opportunity to get help with homework and strengthen skills. They also have the opportunity to engage in extra activities such as; exercise, cooking, crafts, and science experiments. We are thrilled to offer this benefit to our students.

Our Spring Fund Raiser of selling Cookie Dough is underway as of February 21! The proceeds will be going to continuing to improve the playground. The next idea is a walking trail of some sort around the playground field. There are so many ideas we could implement with a walking trail, so this will be our next step of improvement. With over 500 children in Paulding Elementary, we need more room to play. This will be an opportunity for the children to help make our playground a safer area for all children while earning fun prizes for themselves! The fund-raiser ends March 5th.

Keep your eyes open for an evening in March for our Kindergarten Round Up!! This will be a fun time for parents and their child, who will be five years old before August 1, 2013. It will assist your child to get familiar with the teachers and the school. A parent information meeting will take place, and fun activities are planned for the future Kindergarteners. You will not need to bring any paperwork. This is an exciting time for your child, as well as us, to get to know you! We look forward to a wonderful evening together.

The students in grades 3, 4 & 5 continue to get ready for the Ohio Achievement Assess-

ment at the end of April. Mrs. Tear hosted the third grade parents in January and shared a PowerPoint of information on student progress within the grade levels based on student data. Student ownership is a big part of success to test-taking, so expectations are set and students are working to their potential. March will be a terrific month with exciting events being planned by the PTO. They have the Book Fair coming in the week of March 18-22 and Family Night March 19th. These are great family night opportunities and we look forward to spending them together with you. As you can see, Paulding Elementary is an exciting place to be!

Oakwood Elementary-Jennifer Manz

Hello from Oakwood Elementary! I am writing this March message in the middle of February; but with a long weekend coming up and meetings on several days after that, it is now or late. Well, the fact that I am always ready to rush winter along and usher in spring might have a little to do with my interest in working on something for March. Please remember, as we anticipate nicer weather in the next month or so, coats are worn outside for recess until it is at least 60°. We completed our Spring Parent/Teacher Conferences in early February, and we want to thank all of the parents who attended. We appreciate your questions, concerns, and support; and we hope you will stay in close contact with us through the remainder of the year. When communication lines between home and school are open and direct, a student has the support system in place to be successful. Please continue to encourage your child to stretch and grow to master the concepts set for each grade level by the State of Ohio.

As we end the third quarter and get a good start on the final quarter of the 2012-2013 school year, we know the Ohio Achievement Assessments are rapidly approaching for our 3rd, 4th, 5th, and 6th graders. These students will be taking the Reading OAA on April 25th and the Math OAA on April 30th. The fifth graders will also take a Science OAA on May 1st. All year, our students have been tracking their progress as they learn new concepts; and we know they will be prepared to give their very best effort on these State assessments. (We ask that parents and family members please write these dates on your calendars and make every effort to avoid scheduling appointments or making commitments that will require your child to be out of school during OAA testing.)

March is 'Music in our Schools Month'. We will be celebrating this with a special choir concert on Friday, March 8th. Our 5th and 6th Grade Choir has been preparing for this concert under the direction of Mrs. Nancy Wehrkamp. At the same time, the 5th Grade Choir at Paulding Elementary is preparing for the same concert with their choir director, Mrs. Dawn Sloan. On March 8th, both choirs will practice together for about 30 minutes; and then, they will perform for both elementary schools. It is amazing to hear the quality of sound and to see the choreography when the two groups blend together. You would not guess they had never worked together until the day of the performance!

Oakwood Elementary is hosting Kindergarten Camp, a Kindergarten pre-screening event for **2013-2014** kindergartners, on Tuesday, March 26th, from 6:30 to 7:30. If you have or know a child in the Oakwood Elementary school district who will be five before August 1st, please bring him/her to visit us on March 26th to see the school and meet the people he/she will be working with during kindergarten screening on April 19th. (Screening appointments may be made at the Camp on March 26th or by calling the school office after March 26th.) Watch for more details in the newspaper in a couple of weeks.

Thank you for your continued support of our school!

Middle School-David Stallkamp

Hello from Paulding Middle School! Congratulations go out to the JH wrestlers for a nice season. Special congratulations go out to the following wrestlers placing in the conference tournament: Logan Mudel-1st, Jordan Weidenhamer -5th, Robbie Bowers-1st, and Kori Wolfram - 1st place. The Panthers placed fifth overall in the conference. Cedar Point money and forms, for any 8th grader wishing to participate in this year's annual class trip, will be due on March 22nd. Call me at school if you are thinking of going. Cost is \$25 per student, and \$35 per chaperone.

Please make sure to have your student return or locate their overdue library books. The fines and cost of any lost book or overdue book will be added to their workbook fees if

these are not paid. The list at this point is quite long.

THANK YOU to all that attended Parent-Teacher Conferences. These are always very beneficial to the student, parent, and staff member. We all need to be on the same page to be able to provide a great education for our kids.

Mrs. Langhals, Mr. Foster, and I will be meeting soon with all grade levels to schedule the kids for classes for the 2013-2014 school year .

Congratulations to Hannah Farr. Hannah won our Paulding Middle School Spelling Bee and also did a fine job of representing our school in the Paulding County Spelling Bee by finishing in Third Place.

Our winter sports seasons are now over and we look forward to track this spring which will be starting soon. Thank you to everyone that participated in our winter sports programs and to all coaches, fans, and supporters of our teams. It is truly appreciated.

The Ohio Achievement Tests will be given on the following dates: **April 25- 6th- 8th Grade READING, April 30 - 6th-8th Grade MATH, May 2 - 8th Grade SCIENCE. Terra Nova testing will also be taking place during the weeks of April 25-May 3.** PLEASE schedule vacations, appointments etc., around these dates so we can have great attendance for these testing dates, and also **help us with these tests by stressing the importance of them to your children.** Paulding Middle School is working very hard to receive the "EXCELLENT" status from the State of Ohio this year. We can reach this goal with your help. Students often say that these tests do not mean anything. Research indicates that student achievement scores **soar** when parents get involved in learning. Students score higher on tests, turn in better projects, and participate more if they know their parents care. **YES, these tests DO mean something.** They are critically important to the students and to the district. We must have that inner PRIDE!!!

Our 6th grade "**Battle of the Books**" competition has been set for Thursday, April 11th. Our 6th grade winner will then battle the 5th grade winner from Paulding Elementary for the right to go to the county competition later in the year.

Congratulations go out to all 6th graders that met their "Reading Is a Sport" goal. Students must read a required number of minutes to meet their goal. It is quite a large number of minutes and these kids did a fantastic job. They each received a free pass to a varsity sporting event and were recognized at the game. They also received free items from the concession stand. This is a very wonderful program for our kids. I thank the varsity teams for their part in helping out our kids.

Our annual Science Fair was held on Friday, February 22nd. Congratulations to all participants and a big THANK YOU to 7th Grade Science teacher, LeeAnn Favorito for coordinating this year's fair. I will get out a list of all students qualifying for the District Science Day at ONU in a later newsletter.

SPRING PICTURES will be taken on March 22nd. These will be on a pre-pay basis.

Thank you for your continued support of Paulding Middle School.

High School-Todd Harmon

Thanks to all the parents who stopped in to see how their child was doing during conferences. Our friendly and helpful staff takes pride in working with your child and to provide the education that will help them be a success for job training, college, and life. If you were unable to meet with your child's teachers and you still have any questions or concerns, please call in to the high school office so we can assist you in making arrangements to get your questions answered.

Recently, the Principals representing the schools that are partnered with Vantage Career Center, had the opportunity to see their students in the labs in the brand new building. The new facility offers a 21st century approach to job training with updated facilities and new equipment, which students will enjoy training with. Paulding students who attend Vantage were doing a tremendous job with their job training.

The Drama Department has been preparing for their rendition of "Spamalot" which is a comedic presentation similar to the Monty Python film rendition. The sets and hard work by the students and the directors over the last couple of months is greatly appreciated and will no doubt be entertaining to the community on March 22nd and 23rd. Also, thanks to Chris Etzler and Jon Snodgrass for once again doing all the organizing involved to host the Girls and Boys OHSAA

tournaments here at the PHS facility. It is an honor to be selected as a tournament site and thanks to the efforts made and those that give of their time and resources to make it a positive experience.

A reminder to students and parents that March 11th through the 15th will be the administration of the OGT 10 required for all 10th graders and those that still may have sections to pass. Juniors and Seniors (that have passed all OGT sections) will be operating on a 2 hour delay schedule with 9th and 10th graders coming in regular time (freshman will be taking the practice test). Please make sure your child gets adequate sleep and meals to help them concentrate on these very important tests. We want our students to be successful on all five tests on all five days. There will be a summer administration of the OGT and if your child needs to test again in any of the 5 subjects, we will contact you for the opportunity to schedule for the testing and tutoring required.

Looking ahead, the "Music of the Night" performance and dinner will be hosted by the High School Band on April 13th. This is an excellent opportunity for a night out and entertainment, while having the chance to participate in an auction and win some neat prizes.

Thank you, on behalf of the Paulding High School, to our community for your ongoing support.

FREE PRESCHOOL SCREENING

A countywide preschool screening will be held March 15 at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Paulding from 12-4:00 p.m. Snow date March 22. Please call 1-877-473-8166 to pre-register.

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME

Fall backwards; spring forward. Daylight savings time begins on **March 10, 2013** at 2:00 a.m. this year. Remember to turn your clocks ahead one hour.

GUIDANCE OFFICE

Scholarships are available for Seniors on the website at pauldingschools.org, High School Guidance page.

HIGH SCHOOL MUSICAL

This year's musical "Spamalot", directed by Beth Kelly and Sandy Dobbelaere, will be performed March 22 & 23 at 7:30pm in the Auditoria. Presale tickets will be available in the high school office from March 14-22 at a cost of \$5.00 for students and \$6.00 for adults. All tickets at the door will be \$8.00.

KNOWIT NOW

KnowItNow is an online reference source available at www.knowitnow.org. Students may have a live chat with a librarian who provides authoritative resources to your screen. Contact Ellen Williams at the High School Media Center if you have any questions or visit the Media Center website.

AFTER PROM MEETINGS

Donations are being collected to sponsor After Prom. If you have not been contacted and would be interested in donating, please contact Amy Simon at 419-399-2171. Prom is scheduled for May 4.

ATHLETIC CALENDAR EVENTS

Boys JV Baseball		
Mar. 21	Montpelier Scrimmage-H	5:00
Boys Varsity Baseball		
Mar. 21	Montpelier Scrimmage-T	5:00
Mar. 28	Ottoville Scrimmage-T	5:00
Mar. 30	Alumni Game	TBA
Girls Varsity Softball		
Mar. 26	Wauseon Scrimmage-H	5:00
Mar. 28	Continental Scrimmage-T	5:00

DISTRICT CALENDAR EVENTS

Mar. 1	NO SCHOOL-Waiver Day	
Mar. 1	Boys Div IV Sectional Tournament	
Mar. 3	Girls Div II District Tournament	
Mar. 4	Band Booster Meeting	7:00p
Mar. 5	OE Kdg Family Game Night	6:30p
Mar. 6	Athletic Booster Meeting	7:00p
Mar. 8	ACT Registration Deadline	
Mar. 8	OE Student/Month Lunch	
Mar. 8 & 9	Band/Choir OMEA Dist Contest	
Mar. 11	FEA Chapter Meeting Ag Rm	3:00p
Mar. 11-15	OGT Testing	
Mar. 14	OE Title I Family Night	
Mar. 15	Presch Screen St. Paul Luth	12-4:00p
Mar. 15	End of 3rd nine weeks	
Mar. 18	OE Spring Pictures	
Mar. 18-22	PE PTO Book Fair	
Mar. 19	PE PTO Family Fun Night	
Mar. 19	Board Meeting-Adm. Bldg.	7:00p
Mar. 21	Mandatory Senior Meeting	8:00a
Mar. 22	MS Spring Pictures	
Mar. 22	OE Kdg Family Reading Day	2:30p
Mar. 22 & 23	Spring Musical- Auditoria	7:30p
Mar. 23	Sci. Olympiad Regionals-Defiance	
Mar. 26	OE Kdg Camp	6:30p
Mar. 29	NO SCHOOL- Good Friday	

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OHIO GIRLS SECTIONAL ROUNDUP

ANTWERP VS HICKSVILLE GIRLS AT SECTIONALS



Shown above is Antwerp freshman Avery Braaten being fouled on the shot by Hicksville senior McKenzie Gonwick. More pictures at archerpics.com

Both Antwerp and Hicksville girls had the same record in the conference of 1-6 going into the Sectional Tournament at Bryan High School Tuesday, February 19. The Lady Archers ended the Aces basketball season with a 41-31 victory. The Hicksville girls finished the year with a final 1-21 overall record. Antwerp now moves onto the Sectional championship Saturday, February 23 at Bryan HS.

In other Sectional action:
The Delta 64-48 at Defiance High School Wednesday, February 20. Paulding finished their season with a 5-18 record.
Wayne Trace Lady Raiders went to Lima Bath High

School, taking on Lima Central Catholic for their part of the Division III tournament. It was a close game for the Raiders. The LCC Thunderbirds took home the 49-46 win and the Lady Raiders finished their season with a 6-17 record

Game over for Lady Archers:
The Antwerp girls basketball team won against Hicksville Tuesday, moving on in the tournament to the Sectional Championship Saturday, February 23 against Edgerton. The Bulldogs were prepared to play at the Bryan High School gymnasium and finished the Antwerp girls off 47-14. Antwerp finished with a 4-20 record.

EDUCATION FUNDING TOP PRIORITY IN STATE BUDGET

This week the budget was proposed by the Ways and Means Committee with guiding principles of protecting Hoosier taxpayers, preserving and enhancing vital services, and maintaining the stable fiscal environment necessary to grow the Hoosier economy. However, the highest ranking budget goal comes in the form of an investment in the future generations of our state — an investment made in our education.

The budget provides the framework for funding at

the kindergarten level and extends all the way through to the collegiate level. We, as Hoosiers, need to live within our means — the General Assembly has the same mindset when proposing Indiana's budget. Tax cuts for Hoosiers, maintaining a healthy reserve and living within our means are the conservative approaches the General Assembly took when drafting this biennial budget.

The budget calls for K-12 total school operating funding to increase over the biennium by \$344 million. Tuition support and Full Day Kindergarten will see increases in funding by \$130 million in 2014 with an additional

\$65 million in 2015 — echoing the "money follows the child" mantra. The budget also aims to reward our educational institutions for positive results, granting an additional \$16.7 million in 2015 to be distributed based on performance.

Our higher education institutions will also see increased funding over the biennium. The budget adopts the Commission on Higher Education's (CHE) recommended funding levels and performance funding formula, resulting in a funding increase of \$42.2 million over the biennium. It grants \$5 million per year from the 21 Fund to support promising university research projects. Cash funding will be provided for 9 new university capital projects, an investment of \$197 million in new infrastructure without adding a penny of debt, saving taxpayers millions of dollars in interest over the next several decades.

Perhaps, most importantly, as we continue to recover from a national economic recession, the 2014/2015 budget aims to provide students with expanded opportunities for financial aid. Frank O'Bannon Scholarships will be provided additional funding to raise individual awards by up to 5%. Additional funding will also be provided to 21st Century Scholars, National Guard Scholarships, and all other student financial aid programs at CHE-recommended levels.

While the budget lends generous contributions to our education system, it holds firm to the General Assembly's unwavering and proven commitment to fiscal integrity. We've built a budget around conservative spending that boasts a healthy pillow of cash to fall back on in the event of a fiscal crisis without sacrificing needed services in our communities. The budget embodies a plan that promises a thriving economic future for Hoosiers through investments to boost the Hoosier economy, protect tax payers, build and maintain infrastructure, and invest in a world-class education for our up-and-coming generations.

As always, I'll continue to keep you posted on the legislative happenings here in Indianapolis. You can stay up-to-date on your own at <http://www.in.gov/legislative>.

BRYN SCHLATTER HONORED IN INDIANA TECH WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Indiana Tech senior Bryn Schlatter from Antwerp, OH helped lead the Lady Warriors to a 13-18 final record and a sixth place finish in the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference.

Bryn, from Antwerp High School, was named to the Champions of Character Team along with the All-Academic Team. She played in 19 games this season, averaged 2.0 points per game. The 6'0" forward scored a season-high 7 points in the Warriors win over Lawrence Tech on December 1, 2012.

3A BOYS BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT SCHEDULED

By: Jeff Abbott
The sectional 22, 3A boys' basketball tournament features conference match-ups on opening night. It is the SAC in the opening game with the ACAC squaring off in the night cap. Pairing for the tournament to be held at Garrett High School are:

Tuesday, February 26 – 6:00 p.m., Bishop Dwenger vs Concordia; **8:00 p.m.,** Woodlan vs Garret

Friday, March 1 – 6:00 p.m., Leo vs Dwenger/Concordia winner; **8:00 p.m.,** Angola vs Woodlan/Garrett winner

Saturday, March 2 – 7:00 p.m. Championship Game

KNIGHTS DOWN WARRIORS

By: Jeff Abbott
Norwell turned up the heat on their shooting in the second quarter and by the time the Knights reached the boiling point, they had a 20 point lead and went on to down the Woodlan Warriors 85-50 in boys' basketball. The teams played close in the first period with Norwell holding a slim lead until a Briar Bolinger three-pointer at the buzzer pushed the Knights' lead to 17-11 after the first period. The Knights got hot in the second quarter, hitting 7 of their first 8 shots including 4 three-points, and the Knights pulled out to a 38-19 advantage that the Warriors couldn't recover from. The Knights had 3 players hit double figures, led by Josh VanMeter's 3 three-pointers and 23 points. Jaylin Bennett finished with 14 points for Woodlan and Kadin Gerig added 13 points. Jef-

WOODLAN FALLS TO ANTWERP BOYS



Antwerp's Noah Ganger scores an incredible 26 points at Woodlan. More pictures at westbendnews.net

Woodlan invited the Archers to the home court Friday, February 22. The Archers went into the game with a slightly better record, though the teams were closely matched. It probably hurt the Warriors with 3 point shooter, Kadin Gerig, on the injured list.

The first quarter clearly established Antwerp with the lead, outscoring the Warriors 16-9 as Woodlan could not keep the ball. The turnovers

no doubt hurt the score. The other quarters were closely matched in score and neither had a good third quarter. Final score, 50-56, with Antwerp taking home the win.

Antwerp: Brumett 15, Hormann 6, Coleman 2, Williamson 3, Copsey 2, Stout 2, Ganger 26

Woodlan: White 9, Lortie 10, McGettigan 11, Williams 2, Mendenhall 1, Stieglitz 4, Bennett 13

frey Jones hit a three point shot at the buzzer as Woodlan downed the Knights in the reserve game, 50-47. Loren Hahn had 18 points for the Warriors.

Score by the quarter:
Norwell – 17 25 22 21=85
Woodlan – 11 13 11 15=50

Scorers of the game:
Norwell – VanMeter 23, Denney 15, Vogel 13, Blinger 8, Shively 8, Harnish 6, Hayden 5, Schumm 2, Denny 2, Wilson 2, Bales 1
Woodlan – Bennett 14, Gerig 13, McGettigan 11, Williams 4, White 2, Jones 2, Stieglitz 2, Gustin 2

MISSIONERS MEETING MINUTES 2/11/13

This 11th day of February, 2013, the Board of County Commissioners met in regular session with the following members present:
Fred Pieper, Tony Zartman, and Nola Ginter, Clerk; Absent: Roy Klopfenstein

ALLOWANCE OF CLAIMS:
Warrants documented as 195296 through 195412 for County Bills were approved and certified to the County Auditor for payment.

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVING "THEN AND NOW" PURCHASE ORDERS AND PAYMENTS:
The Paulding County Auditor has certified the following "Then and Now" purchase order numbers and payments included in the Allowance of Claims on February 6, 2013, Warrant numbered 195256 in the amount of \$251.90; and it is certified that both at the time that the contract or order was made ("then"), and at the time that the County Auditor is completing the certification ("now"), that sufficient funds were available or in the process of collection, to the credit of a proper fund, properly appropriated and free from any previous encumbrance; and pursuant to the Ohio Revised Code §5705.41(D)(1), these purchases must be approved by resolution of the Board of County Commissioners. Now, therefore the Paulding County Commissioners approve the Then and Now Purchase Orders as submitted by the Auditor; and it is found and determined that all formal actions of this Board of County Commissioners, County of Paulding, State of Ohio concerning the adoption of this resolution were adopted in an open meeting of this Board of County Commissioners, and that all deliberations of this Board of County Commissioners and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal action, were in meetings open to the public in compliance with all legal requirements including Section §121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

IN THE MATTER OF THE 2012 ANNUAL COUNTY HIGHWAY SYSTEM MILEAGE CERTIFICATION:
In accordance with the provisions specified in the Ohio Revised Code, Section §4501.04 (Distribution of Revenues), the Board of County Commissioners of Paulding County, Ohio, does hereby certify a total of 322.133 miles as of December 31, 2012, for Paulding County.

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We also have a new produce supplier. In addition to the Detroit market, we will now be supplied by Caito Foods. I am certain we will have the freshest produce in town. You'll find new varieties and quick meal items in the produce department starting this week.

Also beginning today our ad looks different. We decided to switch the look in conjunction with switching suppliers. Please shop your store this week and let us know how you feel about a brand new way to save.

I can't wait to hear your feedback on these exciting changes.

Stephanie *Stephanie*

President Chief & Rays

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Financial Focus by: Phil Recker, Edward Jones Advisor

For the first time since 2008, contribution limits have risen for one of the most popular retirement savings vehicles available: the IRA. This means you've got a greater opportunity to put more money away for your "golden years."

Effective earlier this year, you can now put in up to \$5,500 (up from \$5,000 in 2012) to a traditional or Roth IRA when you make your 2013 contribution. And if you're 50 or older, you can put in an additional \$1,000 above the new contribution limit.

Over time, the extra sums from the higher contribution limits can add up. Consider this example: If you put in \$5,000 per year to an IRA for 30 years, and you earned a hypothetical 7% per year, you'd wind up with slightly over \$505,000. But if you contributed \$5,500 per year for those same 30 years, and earned that same 7% per year, you'd accumulate

almost \$556,000 — about \$51,000 more than with the lower contribution limit.

Keep in mind that if you have invested the above amounts in a traditional, tax-deferred IRA, you'll be taxed on your withdrawals at your ordinary income tax rate. With a Roth IRA, your contributions are made with after-tax funds, but your withdrawals have the potential to be tax-free — provided you've had your account at least five years and don't start taking withdrawals until you're 59½. (Not everyone is eligible to contribute to a Roth IRA, as income limits apply.)

If you have an IRA, you already know its advantages. If you aren't investing in an IRA, you should be aware of these key benefits:

- Tax-deferred growth — A traditional IRA can provide tax-deferred growth while a Roth IRA can potentially grow tax-free, provided you meet the conditions described above. To get a sense of just how valuable these tax advantages are, consider this example: If you put in \$5,500 per year (the new IRA maximum) for 30 years to a hypothetical investment that earned 7% a year, but on which you paid taxes every year (at the 25% tax bracket), you'd end up with slightly more than \$401,000 — about \$155,000 less than what you'd accumulate in an IRA. As mentioned above, you will eventually have to pay taxes on your traditional IRA withdrawals, but by the time you do, you might be in a lower tax bracket. Furthermore, depending on your income level, some of your con-

tributions to a traditional IRA may be tax-deductible. (Roth IRA contributions are not deductible.)

- Variety of investment options — You can invest your funds within your IRA in many types of investments — stocks, bonds, certificates of deposit (CDs), U.S. Treasury securities and so on. In fact, within your IRA, you can create a mix of investments that are suitable for your risk tolerance, time horizon and long-term goals. Of course, investing always carries some risks, including loss of principal — but the risk of not investing may be greater, in terms of not having enough assets for retirement.

Here's one more point to keep in mind: The earlier in the year you "max out" on your IRA contributions, the more time you'll give your account to potentially grow. By reaching the new, higher contribution limits, and by fully funding your IRA as early in each year as possible, you can help yourself take full advantage of this powerful retirement savings tool.

MOELLER ROAD CONSTRUCTION INFORMATIONAL MEETING

There will be a public informational meeting about the Moeller Road construction project on Wednesday, February 27, 2013. The meeting will take place at the New Haven City Administration Building, Police Training Room. There will be representatives available to explain the schedule and answer any questions. In attendance will also be the contractor's Project Superintendent, Engineer and Inspector. New Haven's Director of Engineering, Keith Schlegel and 3rd District Councilman, Craig Dellinger will also be in attendance.

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PAYNE FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY LOOKING FOR NEW MEMBERS

What is one of your favorite childhood memories? For many of us, it was the weekly trip to Paulding to visit the library. Remember pouring through stacks to find just the right book? Remember how grown up you felt when you handed the librarian your very own library card?

Since 1996, the Friends of the Payne Branch Library have helped in bringing those same feelings to the Payne area. Children no longer have to wait a week to pick out a book. The Payne Branch Library, with convenient hours, makes it easy to visit when you finish that book and are ready for another!

Who are the Friends of the Payne Branch Library? Quite simply, our group owns and maintains the building the Payne library is housed in, and we are responsible for all expenses related to the building (gas, electric, insurance, real estate taxes and general upkeep).

We are only able to do this with the generous support from our community. There have been many projects in the last 17 years. In the past couple of years alone we have

replaced the main building roof, installed an improved ventilation system, removed and replaced the floor in the back room, made electrical upgrades, replaced water damaged paneling, painted the interior, and centralized the computer area. As with any building, more projects are on the horizon, including replacing the roof on the far back addition to the library (a project that will cost in excess of \$4,000).

Please consider renewing your annual membership or becoming a new member of your local library. We are a non-profit 501c(3) organization. Membership forms are available at the Payne Library. They may also be mailed to Payne Friends of the Library, P.O. Box 210 Payne, OH 45880.

DO IT BEST READ TO ACHIEVE BOOK DRIVE

The Mad Ants are proud to present the Do It Best Read to Achieve Book Drive presented by Do It Best and Goodwill. The Book Drive will take place March 1 – March 10. Gently used books can be donated in the specially marked boxes at Fort Wayne Goodwill stores and at Mad Ants home games on March 1st, March 2nd, March 5th, and March 10th at the Allen County War Memorial Coliseum.

For every book donated, participants will receive a buy one get one free ticket for any of the remaining Mad Ants games. All books collected will be donated to Goodwill.

The Mad Ants will kick off the book drive next Friday and Saturday night as they take on the Springfield Armor on Friday and the Idaho Stampede on Saturday night. Both games will start at 7:30 p.m.

The Do It Best Read to Achieve program promotes the values of reading and on-line literacy and encourages families and adults to read regularly with young children.

SEARCH FOR MRS. OHIO INTERNATIONAL 2013 BEGINS

Applications are now being accepted for the titles of Mrs. Ohio International 2013, an official preliminary to the Mrs. International Pageant which will be held at the North Shore Center for the Performing Arts Theater in Chicago, Illinois. The dates are July 16-20, 2013.

The woman selected, as Mrs. Ohio International 2013 will become an ambassador from Ohio and will receive an official title, crown, and sash.

Competitions will include:

- Private one on one interview, with each contestant selecting a platform, which she will speak about throughout her reign 50%
- Fitness Wear (in lieu of swimsuit competition) 25%
- Evening Gown – husbands escorting their wives on stage 25%

Married women between the ages of 21-56 living or working in Ohio that are interested should call Mary Richardson/National Executive Director at 540-989-5992 or email Mary@mrsinternational.com

"FROM THE VANTAGE POINT": FORTMAN RECEIVES BRANDT SCHOLARSHIP



Pictured is Jared Fortman accepting his scholarship from Marilyn Brandt. They are flanked by Lisa McClure (left), Executive Director of the Paulding County Area Foundation and Staci Kaufman, Vantage Superintendent.

Jared Fortman, a 2012 Industrial Mechanics Vantage graduate from Kalida, has been awarded the 2012 Robert Brandt Scholarship in the amount of \$1,000.00. Jared is continuing his education at Northwest State Community College, majoring in Industrial Maintenance.

The Robert Brandt Schol-

arship was established by the family of Robert Brandt, the founding superintendent of Vantage Career Center. Brandt was responsible for the beginning the Vantage, including the construction of the original facility. The Robert Brandt Scholarship is maintained by the Paulding County Area Foundation.

SECRETARY OF STATE HUSTED: 2012 MARKS RECORD YEAR FOR NUMBER OF NEW BUSINESS FILINGS IN OHIO

Secretary of State Jon Husted announced that the number of new companies that filed in Ohio in 2012 set a record for the state, based on data available. In total, 88,068 new entities filed to do business last year – the most in the state's 209 year history.

"More companies choosing to do business in our state helps grow our economy and increases job prospects for people across Ohio," Secretary Husted said. "My office will continue our efforts to make setting up a business in Ohio as easy as possible."

Secretary Husted also noted that more than 2.1 million new businesses have filed with the state since Ohio officially became a state in 1803.

Last month, Secretary Husted announced that 2012 year-end filing figures for new businesses showed three consecutive years of growth. In fact, data showed that the number of new companies that filed with the state increased 16.5 percent from 2009 to 2012. Additional information on that announcement is available here.

Though the most visible role of the Secretary of State

is that of chief elections officer, the office is also the first stop for individuals or companies who want to file and start a business in Ohio. While recognizing these numbers can't provide a complete picture of Ohio's jobs climate, they are an important indicator of economic activity that Secretary Husted hopes will add to the discussion of how to improve the state's overall climate for business.

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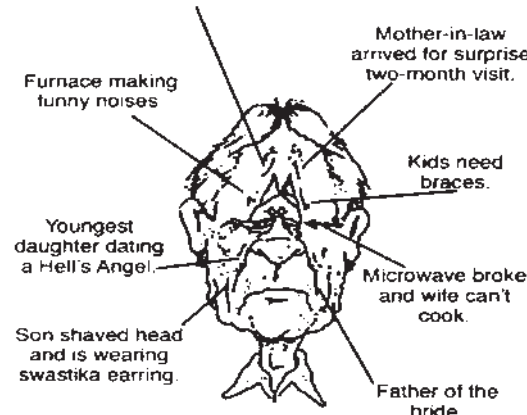
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**NEW HAVEN STUDENT
SELECTED AS STUDENT
AMBASSADOR TO WEST-
ERN CANADA**



Justin Koenig a 4th grader at Central Lutheran school, was selected to participate in the People to People Student Ambassador Program. Justin will be part of the Wonders of the Canadian West program this June/July where he will have the opportunity to experience the unique Canadian culture just across the border in British Columbia. Justin will go whale watching with naturalists, hike mammoth glaciers alongside scientists, among other exciting adventures.

**PEVS BREAKFAST & LUNCH
MENUS 2/27 - 3/5**

MS/HS - Breakfast:
2/27 - Ham, egg & cheese muffin, juice/fruit, milk
2/28 - Links (sausage), mini pancakes, juice/fruit, milk
3/1 - No School, Waiver Day
3/4 - Breakfast pizza, juice/fruit, milk
3/5 - Links (sausage), ta-

tor tots w/cheese, juice/fruit, milk
MS/HS - Lunch:
2/27 - Pizza sticks w/marinara sauce, green beans w/Top Your Philly Sub, assorted fruit, milk
2/28 - Toasted cheese sandwich, cream of broccoli soup, side salad or Big Daddy pizza slice, tossed garden salad, assorted fruit, milk
3/1 - No School, Waiver Day
3/4 - Mac & cheese, chicken dippers, vegetable blend or Salad bar w/bread stick, assorted fruit, milk
3/5 - Salad (chicken chunk), pretzel bread stick or Sandwich w/bun, oven fries, assorted fruit, milk

Paulding Elementary - Breakfast:
2/27 - Breakfast burrito, juice/fruit, milk
2/28 - Muffin, string cheese, juice/fruit, milk
3/1 - No School, Waiver Day
3/4 - Yogurt, goldfish grams, juice/fruit, milk
3/5 - Pancakes, juice/fruit, milk

Paulding Elementary - Lunch:
2/27 - Corn dog or Cheese breadstick w/marinara sauce, green beans, fruit, milk
2/28 - Corn dog, vegetable, fruit, milk or Vegetable beef soup, crackers/bread w/margarine or peanut butter, celery, fruit, milk
3/1 - No School, Waiver Day
3/4 - Chicken w/whole grain bun, carrots or vegetable choice, fruit, milk or Goldfish bread w/peanut butter, crackers, gogurt, milk
3/5 - Hot dog w/whole grain bun, baked beans, vegetable choice, fruit snack, fruit, milk or Peanut butter & jelly sandwich, crackers, gogurt, fruit, milk

Oakwood Elementary - Breakfast:
2/27 - Sausage pancake wrap, fruit, milk
2/28 - Breakfast burrito,

**PAULDING FALTERS AT FREE-THROWS AGAINST
SPENCERVILLE**



Shown in the picture above is Neil Roehrig scoring for the Panthers.

The Paulding boys took on Spencerville at the Panther gym Friday, February 22. The basketball game started well for the Panthers, but quickly the Bearcats took the lead. It's not too surprising since Spencerville has a better record. In the third quarter the Paulding boys narrowed the difference in score down to only 5 points.

Foul shots killed the Panthers. The Paulding boys took on Spencerville at the Panther gym Friday, February 22. The basketball game started well for the Panthers, but quickly the Bearcats took the lead. It's not too surprising since Spencerville has a better record. In the third quarter the Paulding boys narrowed the difference in score down to only 5 points.

ther's chance at victory as the boys could not make the free-throws when the opportunity provided itself and yet the Bearcats hit nearly all of their shots from the line in the second half. Final score was 67-55 with the win going to Spencerville. Paulding finished their regular season with a great 16-6 record. More pictures at westbendnews.net

fruit, milk
3/1 - No School, Waiver Day
3/4 - Mini pancakes, fruit, milk
3/5 - Sausage biscuit, fruit, milk
Oakwood Elementary - Lunch:
2/27 - Chicken noodles, peas, bread, lettuce salad, fruit, milk
2/28 - Taco in a bag, lettuce, refried beans, fruit, milk
3/1 - No School, Waiver Day
3/4 - Hamburger w/bun, lettuce & tomato, oven potatoes, fruit, milk
3/5 - Chicken strip wrap, lettuce, corn, fruit, milk

& Jamie L. Welch
2/19/13; Dorothy A. Sitcler, Trustee, deceased; Sec. 11 NE ¼ SE¼; 40.00 acre; to Mary Kay Martin, Trustee
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Brown Twp; 2/4/13; Neil A. Elick aka Neil Elick; Sec. 19; SW¼ SW¼; 21.084 acres; Sec 30; NW¼ NW¼; 6.22 acres; to Stanley A. Elick
2/13/13; Stanley A. Elick; Sec 19; SW¼ SW¼; 21.084 acre; Sec. 30; NW¼ NW¼; 6.22 acres; to Elick's Rentals LLC
2/19/13; Ryan P. Cunningham, Trustee; Sec. 8; pt SW¼ 5.180 acre; to Jon Hahn
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2/6/13; Thomas Ridenour, et al; Sec 5 SW¼ NE¼; 38.50 acre; Sec 5; pt NW¼ SE¼ NE¼ SW¼; 73.54 acre
Crane Twp; 2/6/13; Wayne O. Gordon, deceased; Sec 5; pt E½ SE¼; 41.88 acres; Sec. 16; pt. W½ NW¼; 1.881 acres; to Marcell E. Gordon
Emerald Twp; 2/14/13; Louise Paschall; Sec. A; pt. W½ NW¼; 19.077 acres; to Louise Paschall, LE & Robert Brinck
2/19/13; Rex A. Hasch; Sec. 15; SW¼; 160.000 acre; Sec 22; Lot 32; Proxmire's Canal View Subdivision; 0.482 acres
Harrison Twp; 2/5/13; Flat Land Dairy, LLC; Sec 1 NE¼ & pt. SE¼; 159.424 acres; Sec. 1; SE¼. 68.000 acres; Sec. 1; pt SE¼; 1.054 acres; Sec. 1; SE ¼; 92.000 acres; Sec. 15; pt. S½ NW¼; 3.00 acres; to Flat Land Properties, LLC
Ray & Dorothy Jeffery; Sec. 5; pt. NE¼ & pt. NW¼; 160.31 acres; Ray R. Jeffery, Trustee
Jackson Twp; Loren J. & Louella I. Thomas; Sec. 7; Lot 8; pt lot, SW¼ SW¼, 0.16 acre; to Donald L. & Katherine J. Colter
Latty Twp; 2/1/13; Cletus R. & Wilma J. Hartwig; Sec. 17; NW¼; 39 acres; Cletus R. & Wilma J. Hartwig
2/1/13; Cletus R. & Wilma J. Hartwig; Sec. 9; W½ SW¼; 80.00 acres; Cletus R. & Wilma J. Hartwig
2/12/13; Kenneth W. & Gwendolyn R. Manz; Sec 10; Pt. NE¼; 5.333 acres; to William & Joanna Manz
2/12/13; Kenneth W. & Gwendolyn R. Manz; Sec 10; pt. NE¼ E½ NE¼; 29.24 acres; Kenneth W. & Gwendolyn Manz, Trustees
Paulding Twp; 2/1/13; Patricia Paulus; Sec. 14; pt. SW¼; 0.423 acre; to Larry B. Fishbaugh
2/1/13; Larry B. & Rebecca S. Fishbaugh; Sec. 14; pt. SW¼; 0.928 acres; Larry B. & Rebecca S. Fishbaugh, Trustees
2/15/13; Desiree Lynn Dunbar aka Desiree Lynn McDaniel et al; Sec. 16 Lot 9; Noneman's Moody Acres Allotment #2; 0.413 acres; to Donald Charles Dunbar III & Desiree Lynn
Washington Twp; 2/12/13; Evelyn Tumblin, deceased; Sec. 33 pt. NW¼ & pt. SW¼; 60.000 acres; to Roger Allen Tumblin
2/112/13; Evelyn Tumblin, deceased; Sec. 22 SE¼ NW¼; 4.94 acre; to Robin Sue Tumblin
Antwerp Village; 2/12/13; James W. Johnson, deceased; Lot 31 School Hill Addition; 0.272 acres; to Martha E. Johnson
2/12/13; Martha E. Johnson; Lot 31; School Hill Addition; 0.272 acres; to Russell Johnson
2/13/13; Douglas A. & Lisa A. Bragg; Lot 26 & 27; Marilyn-Doris First Addition; 0.322 acres; to Donald VanAtta Sr. & Mary L.
Cecil Village; 2/5/13; James E. Daily;

**WAYNE TRACE LOCAL
SCHOOLS MENUS 2/27-3/5**

Breakfast:
2/27 - No School, Teacher In-service
2/28 - Cheese omelet, toast, juice, milk
3/1 - Fruit turnover, juice, milk
3/4 - Sausage pizza, juice, milk
3/5 - Egg/cheese muffin, juice, milk
Lunch:
2/27 - No School, Teacher In-service
2/28 - Grilled chicken w/bun, green beans, fruit, milk
3/1 - Cheese pizza, romaine lettuce, fruit, milk
3/4 - Meatball sub w/marinara sauce, California blend vegetables, fruit, milk
3/5 - Mini corn dogs, sweet potato fries, fruit, milk

**LICHTY ADVANCES TO
STATE FREE THROW
CONTEST**



Austin Lichty of Antwerp competed in the 2013 Knight of Columbus Free Throw Championship at Hicksville High School on Sunday, January 13, and took home Sectional Division Title in the 10 year old age group. Austin made 12 of his 15 free throws to win Sectionals and advance to Districts at Edgerton, Ohio. Districts were held Sunday, February 10, at Edgerton High School where Austin made 19 of 25 free throws to win the District Division Title for the 10 year old age group and advanced to Regionals. Regionals were held in Ottawa Glandorf on Sunday, February 24, and Austin and two other boys tied with 21 for 25 from the line and had to go to a 5 shot shootout where Austin went 5 for 5 and made 26 for 30 on the day to win the Regional Division and now advances to State in Columbus and also has the possibility of international competition.

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**PAULDING COUNTY COURT
REPORT**

Criminal Disposition Report - 2/20/13
Schuyler R. Winkler (3 counts), Woodburn, Sex cond. W/minor; fine & cost taken from bond; no contact W/victim; motion for counts to merged by defense (denied); jail days to run concurrently with Defiance County Case
Justin M. Woodruff, Cecil, Domestic Violence; preliminary hearing waived; matter transferred to Common Pleas Court of Paulding County
John L. McKinsey, Paulding, Dus Child Support; dismissed by States request
Holly B. May, Melrose, Theft; restitution to be made to victim; all fines and costs to be paid; pay monthly or appear in court
John J. Dyer, Sr., Antwerp, Domestic Violence; pay all fines and cost; probation; no contact w/victim; community service; must report to probation
Tobias A. Bassler, Paulding, Attempt Vandalism, pay all fines and costs; community service, attend complete thinking program, pay or 6/12/13 appear in court
Benjamin D. Leach, Lima, Passing Bad Check; case dismissed
Tess N. Vanlerah, Defiance, Trespassing; case dismissed
Kayleen K. Justinger, Oakwood, Domestic Violence, case dismissed
Open Civil Cases - 2/20/13
P. State Bank & Trust, Defiance; D: Patricia Mosher, Grover Hill, unknown spouse; Vicki Lautzenheiser, Grover Hill; Paulding County Treasurer, foreclosure
P. Denise Monroe, Defiance; D: Timothy Monroe, Payne, Dissolution
P. Michelle Yantiss, Paulding; D: Michale Yantiss, Paulding; Divorce
Real Estate Transfers
Auglaize Twp; 2/19/13; Leon & Angela L. Froelich, Trustees; Sec. 34; pt NW¼ NW¼; 1.523 acre; to Michael L. & Karen J. Weible, Trustees
Brown Twp; 2/1/13; Ruth L. Hartsock, deceased; Sec. 10; S½ Schaffers Subdivision .33 acre; to William H. Hartsock 2/15/13; Warren H. Bissel Jr. & Diane M.; Sec. 10; pt SW¼; .83 acre; to James F.

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Citizens Academy Director and CERT volunteer, Mr. Doug Geller and Director of Homeland Security for the City of Fort Wayne, Mr. Bernie Beier

By: Beth Stauffer

Week Four of the New Haven Citizens Academy featured two very informative presentations by the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) division of the Allen County Department of Homeland Security and by New Haven's Code Enforcement Officer, Mr. Tim Fox.

Representing CERT was Mr. Bernie Beier, the Director of Homeland Security for the City of Fort Wayne. Mr. Beier is a former Marine with over 20 years of experience working in the field of Counter Intelligence.

Mr. Beier explained that CERT is a readiness program centered around people helping other people in times of need. CERT emphasizes maximizing safety for its volunteers while doing the greatest amount of good for the greatest number of people in the community. The program takes a positive and realistic approach to emergency management in a disaster or other critical situation.

Following a major disaster, Mr. Beier explained, "first responders and social services agencies will be stretched thin. The consequences of the emergency may prevent people from accessing both basic and emer-

gency services." Mr. Beier went on to explain that during this time, it will become necessary for people to rely on each other to help meet immediate needs. Family members, colleagues, and neighbors all will need to spontaneously come together to assist each other. Furthermore, Mr. Beier stated, in many emergencies the bystanders to the event or the victims themselves are the first ones to provide emergency assistance or perform a rescue, making the Fire Department, Police Department and Paramedics the second responders.

Mr. Beier cited as a case in point the earthquake disaster that happened in Mexico City in 1985. During the disaster, untrained spontaneous volunteers helped to save over 800 people, however 100 of these volunteers lost their lives while attempting to save others. "That's a high price to pay," said Mr. Beier.

This is where CERT comes into play. CERT trains citizen volunteers to be prepared to help the community following a major disaster. Certified CERT volunteers undergo 24 hours of training in the area of life saving skills with an emphasis on rescuer safety and how to do the greatest good for the greatest number of

people. CERT volunteers are organized into teams to supplement 1st responder services offering assistance to victims following a disaster.

"CERT is not about how the government is going to protect us from disasters," said Mr. Beier. "It is more about recognizing that bad things will happen, and with that in mind, determining how to plan our responses for when they do happen."

For more information about the CERT program, or to sign up to take an upcoming certification course, contact the Allen County Office of Homeland Security at 260-449-4663. For more information on preparing your family or business for an emergency situation, visit www.ready.gov.



New Havens Code Enforcement Officer, Tim Fox

The evening's second speaker was the City of New Haven's Code Enforcement Officer, Mr. Tim Fox. Mr. Fox was a NHPD reserve officer for more than 10 years before taking on the role of Code Enforcement Officer. As the Code Enforcement Officer, Mr. Fox has the same authority and power as a NHPD police officer; he is responsible for enforcing all of the ordinances and codes of New Haven, and as such can write tickets, issue fines, and file property liens for violations.

"The City has established itself as a place people want to live," said Mr. Fox of the community of New Haven. "The City's codes are in place to determine standards so that all property owners can rely on the safety, cleanliness, and maintenance standards of their neighbors."

Last year, Mr. Fox took action on over 300 violations within the New Haven City Limits. His primary role for the City is identifying and addressing code violations and educating residents about the ordinances and codes the city has in place. There are 5 main areas of violations in New Haven: Zoning and permit issues, lawn and weed control, garbage/refuse/debris issues, abandoned/junk cars, and other ordinances that involve health issues, noise complaints, snow removal, and unsafe housing.

The Code Enforcement Officer's job is ordinance driven, and the ordinances come from City Council. "The ordinances do not cover personal attitudes," said Mr. Fox. A large part of enforcing the rules and regulations of New Haven begins with identifying the party responsible for the violations, making notifications of the violation both verbally and in writing, and letting the responsible party know what will happen if the violation is not corrected. Mr. Fox is also charged with educating the community about the various applicable codes and recovering ex-

penses incurred by the city cleaning up the messes that code violators leave behind (ie lawn maintenance, cleaning up debris).

Of his job, Mr. Fox said "My job is to resolve problems. Sometimes, I'll run into people who want to challenge me, but mainly I just want to work with people to come up with resolutions to the problems at hand." He went on to say, "There are two types of tickets in the City of New Haven. The type that comes with a little envelope that you stick on a car windshield is the cheap kind. Then, there's the kind I write that is called a state statute ticket. That's the expensive kind."

Mr. Fox's presentation concluded with an animated question and answer session with the class and a photo slideshow of some of the more common code violations in New Haven.

For more information about the City of New Haven's ordinances, visit the city's website at www.cityofnewhavenin.org.

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USDA ANNOUNCES PLANTING TRANSFERABILITY PILOT PROGRAM SIGN-UP NOW AVAILABLE

The USDA Farm Service Agency (FSA) Planting Transferability Pilot Project (PTPP) permits Ohio producers to plant approved vegetables for processing on base acres under the Direct and Counter-Cyclical Program (DCP) or Average Crop Revenue Election Program (ACRE). The sign-up period for PTPP began February 19, 2013, and ends April 5, 2013. USDA will not accept any late filed applications.

"PTPP offers producers the opportunity to diversify their crop production and better use their base acres. This project supports state farmers with additional sources of revenue and the production of healthy fruits and vegetables," said Steve Maurer, Ohio FSA State Executive Director.

PTPP allows producers to plant approved fruits or vegetables for processing on a farm's base acres. Approved plantings include cucumbers, green peas, lima beans, pumpkin, snap beans, sweet corn or tomatoes. Without the PTPP, planting these crops on base acres would be prohibited. Base acres on a farm will be temporarily reduced each year on an acre-for-acre basis, for each base acre planted with an approved fruit or vegetable on that farm. Ohio has up to 4,000 acres available for PTPP in 2013.

Eligible participants must agree to produce any combination of eligible crops intended for processing and to provide the county FSA office with a copy of the contract between the producer and processing plant. Participants must agree to produce the crop as part of a program of crop rotation on the farm to achieve agronomic, pest and disease management benefits, and to provide disposition evidence of the crop. Participants must complete form CCC-749, which is available at the county office or online at: <http://forms.sc.egov.usda.gov/efcommon/eFileServices/eForms/CCC749.PDF> and file it with their county FSA office.

OUR LITTLE VALENTINES FROM ANN'S BRIGHT BEGINNINGS PRESCHOOL



Ann's Bright Beginnings Preschool recently held their Valentine party at school. The children all brought cards, cookies and candy to share with their friends. They also listened to the story, Clifford's First Valentine's Day, and then made an adorable Clifford craft together! Overall,

we had a GREAT day with our favorite little valentines!

Shown here with their creations and book are from left: Izzy Ladd, Zander Gray and Addison Pease. These children are in the afternoon class of four and young five year olds with Mrs. Cheri Collins and Mrs. Ann Miller.

NEW HAVEN & ADAMS TWP PARKS DEPT. SPONSOR COMMUNITY PHOTOGRAPHY SHOW

The New Haven-Adams Township Park & Recreation Department will be hosting a Community Photography Show on Friday, March 8, 2013, with an opening reception from 5:30-7:00 p.m. The show will continue weekdays 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. until March 26, 2013.

All photographers, at least 14 years of age, residing in Allen, Dekalb, Hun-

tington, Adams, Whitley, Wells, Paulding or Van Wert Counties are eligible. All entries will be accepted, must be delivered to the New Haven-Adams Township Park Department office, and must be original works, conceived and created by the photographer. No copies of work of other photographers are eligible. All work must be framed and wired for hanging. Photography that have been in prior New Haven Park shows are ineligible.

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"FROM THE VANTAGE POINT": VANTAGE CELEBRATES FFA WEEK!



Vantage FFA Officers for 2012-2013 are (clockwise): Nicholas Dealey (Crestview), Vice-President, Jonathan McBride (Crestview), Secretary, Vince Reinhart (Paulding), Treasurer, Michael Ladd (Crestview), Sentinel, Aaron Carpenter (Paulding), Reporter, Dale Young (Wayne Trace), Chaplain, Devin Snyder (Crestview), Student Advisor, and Joseph McVay (Wayne Trace) President.



The Vantage Tractor Troubleshooting team of Joseph McVay (Wayne Trace) and Nicholas Dealey (Crestview) listen intently as judge Dave Alberts from Integrity Ford of Paulding, describes the diagnostic scenario with the Ford Pickup truck during the competition.

Historically, the week of President George Washington's birthday was designated as National FFA Week in 1947 at a National FFA board of directors meeting. Each year, National FFA Week gives FFA members a chance to raise public awareness about FFA and agricultural education and share the importance of American agriculture in general.

Vantage FFA Week kicked off on Tuesday, Feb. 19th, as Vantage FFA Vice-President Nick Dealey (Crestview) joined Adam Schumm, Crestview FFA President, and Macy Ashbaugh, Lincoln

view FFA President at the Van Wert County Commissioners office. The Commissioners signed a proclamation declaring this week FFA Week in Van Wert County.

Even though it's a shortened week due to the President's Day holiday, Vantage FFA members will be holding several FFA activities, including a Hat Day, Jeans & T-shirt Day, a Truck and Tractor show with a student/staff "drop in". They will be treating Vantage staff members to donuts on Friday morning too. Vantage FFA members voted that all money raised from activities

was to be split between the Dealey Family Fund and the First United Methodist Food Pantry.

On Friday, February 15th, the Vantage Ag and Industrial Power Technology program hosted the District 4 Agricultural and Industrial Diagnostics CDE (Tractor Troubleshooting) Contest. This Career Development Event is an educational activity designed as a practical method for teaching students to recognize malfunctions of gasoline or diesel engines and to eliminate problems. The skills that agriculture education students learn in tractor troubleshooting make them better tractor and equipment operators and technicians by giving them practical experience in identifying and correcting engine malfunctions. The seven participating schools were Corey-Rawson, Sentinel, Clyde, Van Buren, Vantage, Riverdale, and Spencerville. The Spencerville team took first place in the competition, while the Vantage team placed 5th.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES TO BE ADDRESSED AT TRI-STATE CONSERVATION FARMING EXPO

Several critical issues facing farms in the region will be addressed March 1, 2013 at the 12th annual Tri-State Conservation Farming Expo, held at the National Military History Museum, near Auburn, IN.

Sponsored by the St. Joseph River Watershed Initiative, the Expo will bring together farmers, soil scientists and ag industry experts to discuss such issues as:

- The impacts of improved drainage water management
 - Opportunities to address herbicide resistant weeds
 - Update on Indiana's new fertilizer rule
 - Opportunities to improve soil health through cover crops and soil amendments
 - The benefits of no-till, strip-till or vertical tillage on soil structure
- "This is a timely conference on important topics for the 2013 cropping season," said Jennifer Thum, Program Manager of the Watershed Initiative. "With our array of speakers, it promises to be a comprehensive discussion on conservation farming and crop production, pesticide handling and soil and water management."

No-till farmer Rodney Rulon of Rulon Enterprises will present the first re-

marks, sharing his perspectives on no-till farming and the use of cover crops. Rulon Enterprises farms approximately 5,900 acres and has been 100% no-till since 1992 and plants cover crops on 60% of their acres. After Roney speaks Mike Starkey, Hendricks County farmer, will follow Rulon to discuss his efforts to improve water quality and soil health on his 3,000 acre farm.

Dr. Kevin King, an Agricultural Engineer with the USDA Agricultural Research Services (ARS), will present ARS findings on the benefits of subsurface tile drainage and alternatives farmers have in reducing nutrient loss to nearby streams and rivers.

The issue of herbicide resistant weeds will be the topic of Dr. Bryan Young, professor of Weed Science and Agronomy with Southern Illinois University. Dr. Young will discuss how you cannot till or trait-rotate your way out of resistance once it occurs in a field.

Dr. Fred Whitford, Coordinator, Purdue Pesticide Programs, will give an update on Department of Transportation regulations and extracting stuck equipment safely: how to avoid expensive and painful incidents.

An update on Indiana's new fertilizer rules will be presented by Matt Pearson, fertilizer section Manager, Office of the Indiana State Chemist and Seed Commissioner.

The Expo's morning program will also feature three breakout sessions where there will be round table discussions on precision AG equipment, opportunities to improve soil health through cover crops and soil amendments and maximizing soil health through drainage management.

Advanced registration for the Expo would be appreciated. Producers are encouraged to go to the St. Joseph Website to find a current list of Exhibitors and sponsors who may have complimentary tickets available. For more information about this event contact the St. Joseph River Watershed Initiative at 260.484.5848 x3.

Continuing education credits for private applicators, commercial applicators and certified crop advisers are available. There will be several opportunities to visit with conference exhibitors and the equipment dealers throughout the day.

The St. Joseph River Watershed Initiative serves an eight-county area in three states, seeking to develop partnerships that promote economical and environmentally compatible land uses that improve water quality in the 694,400 acre watershed. The Initiative's office is located at 3718 New Vision Drive, Fort Wayne, IN and we can be found on the web at www.sjrwi.org.

For further information, contact: Jennifer Thum, Program Manager St. Joseph River Watershed Initiative (260) 484-5848 x3.

ANTWERP LOCAL SCHOOL BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING NOTES 2/21/13

The Antwerp Local School District Board of Education held their regular monthly Board meeting at 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, February 21, 2013 at the Antwerp Local School Board Room. Board

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Sudoku Puzzle

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President Mr. Steve Provines welcomed Board members and school personnel to the meeting.

Middle/High School Principal Mike Bute's Report:

- a. Staff vs. PC Tigers - PC Tigers won
- b. Waiver Day - RttT Team - Professional Development
- c. Senior Meeting
- d. Solo & Ensemble Contest - Congratulations to students who participated
- e. Midterms
- f. Quiz Bowl
- g. Vantage Open House - Monday, February 25, 2013 5:00-8:00 p.m.
- h. Spring OGT on March 11-15
- i. Sports
- j. Bullying reports for 1st Semester - none
- k. Student of the month - January Shawn Dooley, February Cameron Huss

Elementary Principal Travis Lichten's Report:

- a. Spring OAA
- b. Waiver Day
- c. End of Quarter
- d. Derek Reeb to participate in regional Spelling Bee at IPFW on March 9th
- e. Bullying reports for 1st Semester - none
- f. PTO Bingo night success

Superintendent Pat Ross's Report:

- a. After Prom - appreciate Jr. Parents
- b. OFCC Update
- c. 2014 Graduation Date - Sunday, May 25th
- d. Waiver Day - March 27
- e. Facilities Management
- f. RttT Update

Treasurer Kristine Stuart reviewed the current financial reports and monthly expenditures with the Board.

In the business portion of the meeting, the Board approved the following items:

- Approve Pat Miesle as assistant high school track coach for the 2012-2013 school year.
- Approve Matt Lovell as elementary music program director for second and fifth grades for the 2012-2013 school year.
- Approve Mary Smith as elementary music program director for kindergarten, first, third and fourth grades

for the 2012-2013 school year.

- Approve the After-Prom at the Crazy Pins in Fort Wayne, IN, on April 27, 2013
- Approve an overnight trip for the high school softball team to Camp Lakota on March 22, 2013
- Approve the Antwerp Local School district's participation in the Community Reinvestment Area (CRA) Agreement with the Village of Antwerp waiving the 45-day notice and participation in the compensation plan.

The Board went into executive session at 7:10 p.m. to consider an investigation of charges/complaint against a public employee, official, license, or regulated individual and to consider compensation of a public employee or official. The board came out of executive session at 8:10 p.m.

The Board meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m. with no additional Board action. The next regular meeting will be held on Thursday, March 21, 2013 starting at 6:00 p.m. in the Board of Education room.

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The sealed bid must contain a plan for the intended use of the property being sold.

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PUBLIC NOTICE:
The Annual Financial Report for the Antwerp Cemetery Association, Antwerp, OH, for the year ended or the fiscal year ended December 31, 2012 is complete and available for public inspection, at the clerk's office, by appointment. A copy of the report can be provided upon request.
-Kim M. Kemerer, Clerk

PIANO LESSONS
Bill & Dorothy Burford
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Sudoku solution from page 13

4	1	9	6	2	8	7	3	6
6	9	7	3	1	5	8	2	4
8	3	2	7	9	4	5	1	6
7	8	3	4	9	1	2	6	5
5	2	9	6	3	7	1	4	8
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3	7	4	2	5	9	6	8	1
6	5	1	8	4	3	9	7	2
2	9	8	7	1	6	4	5	3

PUBLIC NOTICE
Notice is hereby given that the Annual Zoning Board Organizational Meeting will be held by the Carryall Township Zoning Commission at the Antwerp Fire Station, located at 203 Cleveland Street on Saturday, March 9, 2013 at 9:00am
-Twila Demongeot, Fiscal Officer
Carryall Township Trustees

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE
VILLAGE OF ANTWERP
APPLICATION FOR ZONING VARIANCE
The Village of Antwerp will hold a public hearing on Monday, March 11, 2013 at 5:00 p.m. at Village Council Chambers located at 118 N. Main Street, Antwerp, Ohio to discuss a variance application submitted by Mark Bush concerning property located at 628 S. Erie Street, Antwerp, Ohio. The property owner requests that he be granted a variance on parking spaces required for a 7,195 square foot new commercial building. The zoning ordinance requires one parking space for every 200 square feet of sales space, which would require 36 spaces based on square footage. The application proposes to provide 31 parking spaces.
Questions on the proposed variance should be directed to the Village Administrator by calling 419-258-2371.

5th Annual "THE ONE YOU WAIT FOR!"
20 FAMILY GARAGE SALE
SATURDAY March 9th 9am-3pm
13720 First St - GRABILL - behind the bank
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RED ANGEL PIZZA SETTLED IN AT NEW LOCATION!



Pictured here (l-r) are Angie Wiswell, Ethel Jewell, Brittany Farquhar, Shawn Dempsey, Alexandra Durfey, Deb Heck, and Steve Clark. Not pictured: Tara Schooley, Nikki Dangler, Joe Wiswell, and Mandy Briner.

Red Angel Pizza in Paulding is settled in at its new location. The famed pizza shop known for its delicious pizza and attractive winking angel logo, is now located at 740 Emerald Road in Paulding. The move is very exciting, especially since employees are now using two ovens to get your favorites out quicker. The pizza shop is known all over Northwest Ohio and Northeast Indiana for its unique sour dough crust and amazing sauce recipe. The move from its former N. Williams Street location to its present location was quite the process, but worth it according to Business Manager, Ethel Jewell. Red Angel now offers hard dip ice cream, Pepsi products and continues the tradition of never skimping on pizza toppings. Their broasted chicken and deep fried fish sales are other fan favorites! One of the biggest improvements is space for more customer parking and a drive-up window to pick up your orders without getting out of your car. For all those history buffs, the first Red Angel Pizza shop opened for business on July 4, 1974 in Payne, Ohio. The amazing pizza and grinders became an instant hit and many more shops were created in surrounding areas. The

Paulding shop opened at its 127 South location September 23, 1975 and at present, is the only Red Angel shop open. Like many others, you may wonder where the name came from. It's actually quite simple: The names of the two original founders were "Red", and his partner "Angel". They put their names together and voila! The mission of Red Angel Pizza is to provide the best product for their customers in the quickest time possible. They also have a "Satisfaction Guaranteed" policy, but you must call back the same night and may be required to return the uneaten portion. Paulding Chamber Executive Director, Erika Willitzer says she doubts you'll have a problem with any returns, considering when she brings home a big pizza for her three daughters, none is even left over for the next day. "It's some of the best pizza in Northwest Ohio, and it's no wonder why it's such a treat for my family," said Willitzer. One of the main reason for the success of Red Angel Pizza in Paulding is General Manager, Ethel Jewell. She has been with Red Angel for almost 37 years. Working that long at one company is almost unheard of these days, but there's a reason she continues her efforts, "It is

thrilling to have customers stop and tell me that when their grown children return to Paulding to visit, they just have to have a Red Angel Pizza before leaving." So if you're in the area, and you want to have a unique pizza experience, an experience that makes you feel like your home, then check out Red Angel Pizza's new location in Paulding. You can call 419-399-2295. Lunch hours are 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Monday through Friday and evening hours are 4:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Sunday and 3:45 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. Friday and Saturday.

REMINDER: HISPANIC & WOMEN FARMERS & RANCHERS CLAIMS MUST BE POSTMARKED BY MARCH 25

Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack today reminded Hispanic and women farmers and ranchers who allege discrimination by the USDA in past decades that there are 45 days remaining in the filing period closing March 25, 2013.

"Hispanic and women farmers who believe they have faced discriminatory practices in the past from the USDA have 45 days left to file a claim in order to have a chance to receive a cash payment or loan forgiveness," said Secretary Vilsack. "USDA urges potential claimants to contact the Claims Administrator for information and mail their claim packages on or before March 25, 2013."

The process offers a voluntary alternative to litigation for each Hispanic or female farmer and rancher who can prove that USDA denied his or her application for loan or loan servicing assistance for discriminatory reasons for certain time periods between 1981 and 2000. As announced in February 2011, the voluntary claims process will make available at least \$1.33 billion for cash awards and tax relief payments, plus up to \$160 million in farm debt relief, to eligible Hispanic and women farmers and ranchers. There are no filing fees to participate in the program.

The Department will continue reaching out to potential Hispanic and female claimants around the country to get the word out to individuals who may be eligible for this program so they have the opportunity to participate.

Call center representatives can be reached at 1-

888-508-4429. Claimants may register for a claims package (by calling the number or visiting the website) or may download the forms from the website. All those interested in learning more or receiving information about the claims process and claims packages are encouraged to attend meetings in your communities about the claims process and contact the website at any time or call center telephone number Monday through Friday 9:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Eastern Time.

Website: www.farmer-claims.gov

Phone: 1-888-508-4429

Claims Period: September 24, 2012 - March 25, 2013.

Independent legal services companies will administer the claims process and adjudicate the claims. Although there are no filing fees to participate and a lawyer is not required to participate in the claims process, persons seeking legal advice may contact a lawyer or other legal services provider.

Under Secretary Vilsack's leadership, USDA has instituted a comprehensive plan to strengthen the Department as a model service provider and to ensure that every farmer and rancher is treated equally and fairly as part of "a new era of civil rights" at USDA. In February 2010, the Secretary announced the Pigford II settlement with African American farmers, and in October 2010, he announced the Keepseagle settlement with Native American farmers. Both of those settlements have since received court approval. Unlike the cases brought by African American and Native American farmers, the cases filed by Hispanic and women farmers over a decade ago were not certified as class actions. The claims process provides a voluntary alternative to continuing litigation for Hispanic and female farmers and ranchers who want to use it.

Audio and video public service announcements in English and Spanish from Secretary Vilsack and downloadable print and web banner ads on the Hispanic and women farmer claims process are available at: http://www.usda.gov/wps/portal/usda/usdahome?contentidonly=true&contentid=PSAs_Print_and_WebBanner_Ads.xml

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THE HILLS ARE ALIVE WITH THE SOUND OF MUSIC!



"The hills are alive with the Sound of Music..." Well, maybe not the hills, but the Huber Opera House & Civic Center will come alive with *The Sound of Music* by the Hicksville Village Players, March 1-3, 2013. This classic and endearing musical is based on the book *The Story of the Von Trapp Family Singers*. It features the unforgettable Rodgers and Hammerstein scores, including "My Favorite Things," "Do-Re-Mi," and "Climb Every Mountain."

A spirited young postulant named Maria is sent to serve as a governess for Capt. Von Trapp, a widower with seven children. Her unorthodox methods quickly win over the children but clash with the captain's regimental conduct. Playing the role of Maria will be Savannah Doester with Capt. Von Trapp played by Kurt Ives. Raising the question, "How do you solve a problem like Maria?" in the role of the Mother Abbess will be Mary Schaufelberger.

The Von Trapp children

will sing their way into your heart! The children will be played by Eric Macsaw, Melody Cheek, Aaron Hawley, Natalie Wakefield, Julia Steiner, and Myranda Brooks. In addition to 16-year-old Liesl (Hayley Hesselshwardt), who will be falling in love with Rolf, played by Jordan Teeple. They will be returning as a couple to the Huber stage from their previous performances in *The Phantom of the Opera* and *West Side Story*.

Making up the Nun Choir will be Corrie Ehrhart, Jessica Cheek, and Sandra Berkebile.

Rounding out the cast will be Amy Shaffer, Mary Smith, Stephanie Beerbower, Andy Gross, Lynn Wick-erham, Bill Murphy, Jerry Piasecki, Roseanna Yoder, Stacy Kosha, Carmen Art, Kris Rumble, and Mercedes Moncivias.

For more information please contact either the Village Players at 419-212-2096 or the Huber Opera House at 419-542-9553.

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